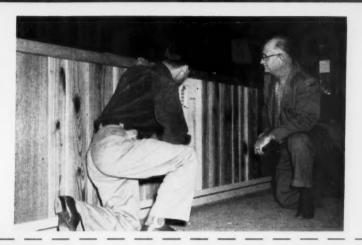
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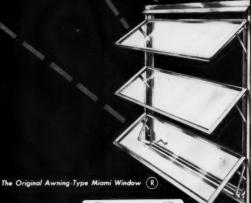
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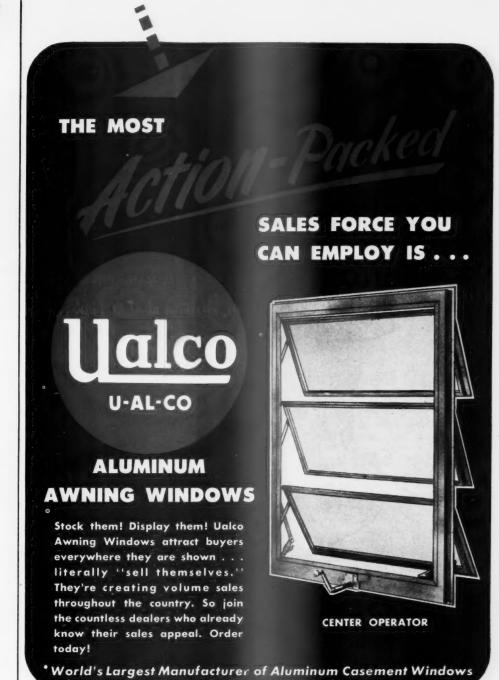


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- 23. Heatilator Fireplaces. Booklet tells how Heatilator unit efficiently circulates heat and adds profits on fireplace sales. Heatilator, Inc., Syracuse 5, N. Y.
- 29. Awning Windows. Illustrated Catalog No. 89 gives sizes and types, specifications for the complete unit and hardware specifications, and construction data on Gate City Awning Windows. Prices, discounts and complete architectural file are available. Write The Gate City Sash and Door Co., P. O. Box 901, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
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- 33. Laminated Wall Panels. Two full-color booklets show photographs of rooms with ceiling and walls covered with Upson laminated panels. "New Interiors for Old" suggests remodeling ideas, tells how Upson panels are put over old walls. "Upson Laminated Panels—For Crackproof Dry-Bilt Construction" gives information desired by builders and architects. The Upson Company, Lockport, N. Y.
- **37. Folding Stairways.** New folder describes uses, installation, and sizes of Wel-Bilt Fold-A-Way attic stair-

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- 55. Fiber Wallboards. Folders are offered with information on colors, appearance, and uses of Duo-Tone and Pebbled Perfect-O-Cell fiber wallboards. The Plastergon Wall Board Company, Philadelphia Avenue, Buffalo 7, N. Y.
- 57. Window and Attic Fans. Two bulletins have been published by Reed Unit-Fans, Inc., 1001 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, La. A new line of 20", 24" and 30" 2-speed window fans along with the established line of reversible window and attic fans are described in these bulletins.
- 61. Aluminum Awning Windows. Catalog shows standard types and sizes of Miami aluminum awning windows. Installation data and details of air infiltration tests are in cluded. The Miami Window Corporation, 5200 N. W. 37th Ave., Miami 42, Fla.
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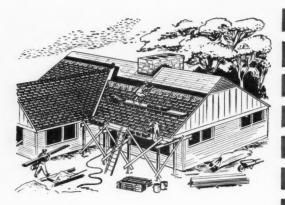


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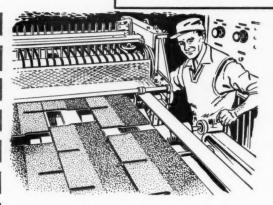
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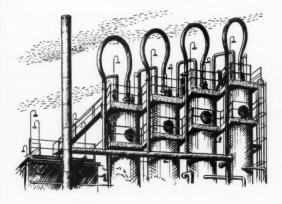
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- 107. Red Cedar Shingles. A 100-page handbook describes proper methods of applying Certigrade shingles on roofs and exterior walls. This illustrated "shingle encyclopedia" is designed for dealers, architects, and builders. The Red Cedar Shingle Bureau, 5510 White Building, Seattle 1, Wash
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- 139. Superlite Prefinished Wallpanels are now individually sampled in a

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- 143. "How-ell-dor" Garage Doors. Attractive new 10-page catalog illustrates and describes styles and sizes of "How-ell-dor" sectional Upsweep residential and commercial garage doors. Technical data are also supplied for Howell's garage door accessories. The Howell Mfg. Co., Cottman St. and Hasbrook Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
- 145. Gas and Electric Water Heaters. Two bulletins, in color, devoted to Jackson automatic gas and electric water heaters, have been announced by W. L. Jackson Mfg. Co., Inc., P. O. Box 26, Chattanooga 1, Tenn. Table-top and round electric heaters, as well as floor furnaces, are described in one; Jackson's 20- and 30-gallon gas heaters in the other. Warranties on both gas and electric models are explained.
- 161. Ready-Trimmed Window Units. Outside-inside trimmed Fenestra residence steel casement units are covered in 4-page folder, RE-23. Includes table of casement types and sizes, installation details and information on hardware, inside screens and inside storm sash. Detroit Steel Products Co., 3227 Griffin, Detroit 11, Mich.
- 163. House sewer pipe. 2-color folder explains the relative merits of various materials available for constructing house sewers. Gives typical case histories, with photos, including clay pipe house sewers that have endured many decades. BULLETIN 250, W. S. Dickey Clay Mfg. Co., 922 Walnut St., Kansas City 6, Mo.
- 165. Window Sash Balance. Catalog pages describe spiral balance in detail and list correct balance for various size and weight windows. Caldwell Manufacturing Co.; Dept. CLP, world's only manufacturer of both tape and spiral balances, 63 Commercial St., Rochester 14, N. Y.
- 169. Jalousie Window Units. Pro-Tect-U jalousie window units are pictured and explained in a new catalog sheet. It tells how assembly is possible at building site with only screwdriver, how glazing is a matter of slipping panes in place and bending down tabs. The Pro-Tect-U Jalousie Corp., Coral Gables, Fla.
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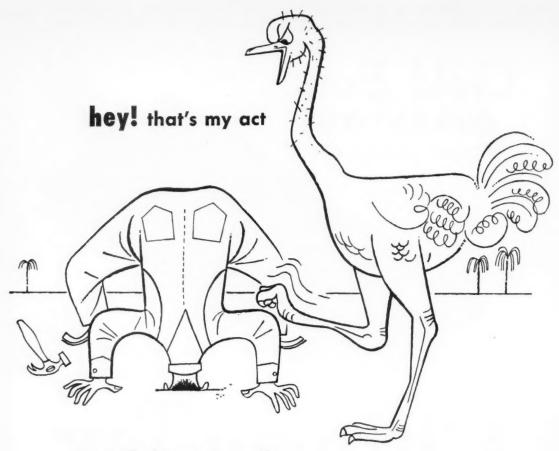
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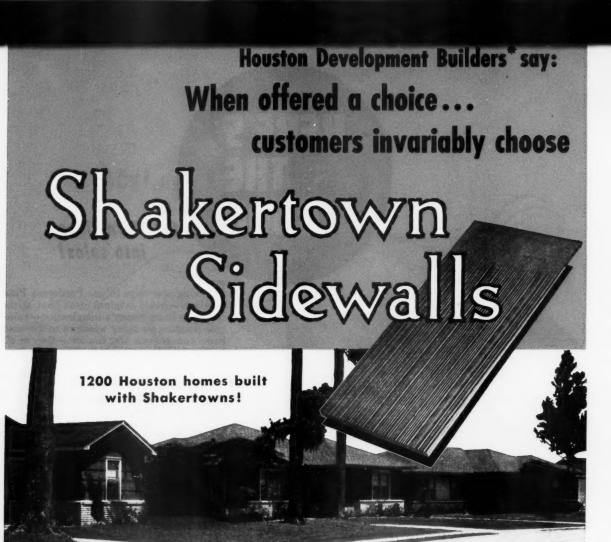
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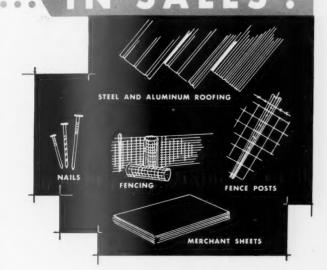
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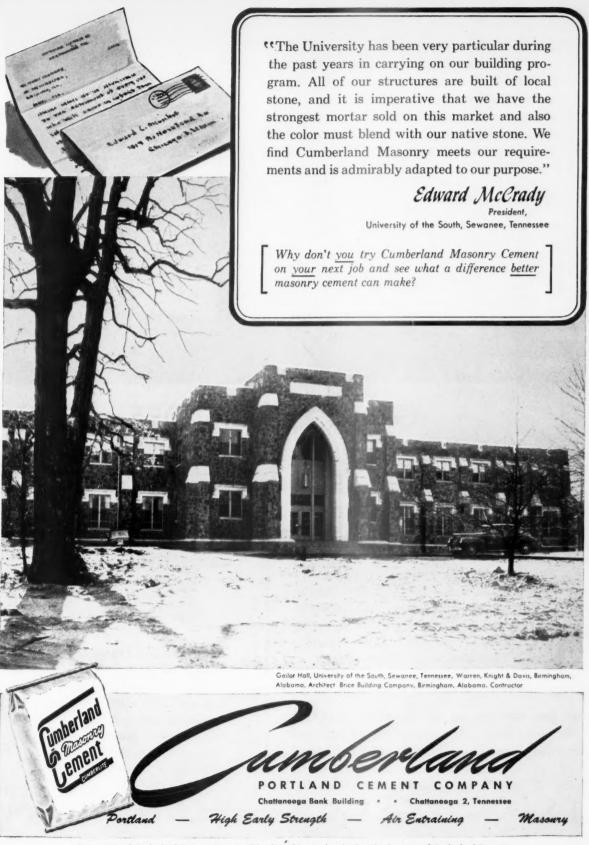
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## **Dynamic Business - Our**

#### By CRAWFORD H. GREENEWALT

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**SINCE THE TURN** of the century, the American business system has given our people a standard of living that is the envy of the world. It has made us strong enough to be the global guardian of freedom. The horizon fairly glows with promises for the future.

How far have we come since 1900? The statistics are impressive. Here are a few from a study just published by Professor Frederick C. Mills, of the National Bureau of Economic Research:

- 1. During the decade ended in 1950, we produced five times as much as we did in the decade 1891-1900.
- 2. This five-fold production required only an 80-per-cent increase in total man-hours of labor.
- 3. The output per man-hour of labor has nearly tripled in the half-century.

This means the American people are producing more wealth with fewer hours of work than our grandparents ever dreamed could be possible. It isn't because we are stronger, bigger, or work faster than our grandparents. New and better tools and methods, the creation of an ever-expanding industrial plant, the unceasing search into the unknown—these have given our people a fantastic reward.

The material benefits of this quintupled production of goods and services are apparent wherever we look. In food, clothing, shelter and transportation, and in ease, convenience and comfort, the standards of even the most modest American home go steadily upward. What is initially hailed as a modern convenience quickly becomes a modern necessity. Where else in the world could an Official Consumer Price Index include such items as television sets and beauty parlor services?

In sociological terms the change has also been marked. Fifty years ago there was a great difference in living standards between the working man and the owner of a factory. They lived in different neighborhoods, wore different kinds of clothes, and had a widely different degree of comforts and diversions.

Today they eat much the same meals. They drive to work in comfortable, dependable automobiles; one may ride in a Ford and the other in a Cadillac—but both travel well. Either may spend his vacation in Florida or in the Rockies. Their homes may differ in size, but they differ little in comforts for the family —both have automatic heating units and modern equipment of all kinds in the laundry, kitchen, and bathroom. They wear virtually the same clothes, and so do their wives. Both see the same television programs on the same kind of set, attend the same concerts and ball games. It is the only country in the world where this situation exists.

Since 1900, our life expectancy has increased by nearly a quarter of a century. Diseases which once were almost certain killers have been conquered. American boys and girls go on to college where their grandparents had to start work at the grade-school level. The work week has fallen from 60 and 48 hours to a 40-hour standard. Mechanical appliances and revolutionary methods of preserving and packaging foods have emancipated women from the kitchen—and they now take an active interest in business, sports, and civic affairs.

All of these gains are by-products of business progress. If this is disputed by fellow-thinkers of the left wing, let them try to institute by law or government fiat a 40-hour week for the workers of Red China. It would bring rebellion or starvation. Without tools and machinery, the people of China can't produce enough to keep themselves alive without working longer hours. Nor was the shorter work week attainable by our own grandparents. Social reform stems from productivity—it is never the root.

Even the boldest of us would have difficulty forecasting the full brightness of the future if American business is permitted to continue its development in freedom. There is no evidence that the prophets of 1900 foresaw air-conditioned trains, fine fabrics made from air, water and coal, super-highways traveled by sleek automobiles, or man-made rainstorms. Certainly they didn't envision intricate industrial plants where workmen watched gauges and were safer from

## **Best Guarantee of Progress**

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accident than in their own homes. Nor could they have foreseen the splitting of the atom to release energy terrible in war, but with vast potentials for peace.

But even the prudent may assume with confidence that today's industrial laboratories are testing formulas that could bring progress as spectacular in the last half of this century as we have witnessed in the first. For instance, half of the du Pont Company's sales last year were of products unknown or in their commercial infancy 20 years ago. Yet our company spent \$50,000,000 for research in 1952, and will spend at least as much for that purpose this year. Other firms, large and small, attach equal emphasis to the importance of research and development. They must if they are to meet their competition and survive.

For competition, in the last analysis, is the spark which ignites our business system. There would be no progress if business were content to sell the same products, made in the same way, at the same price to the same market. If any firm tried to do that in America, it would quickly discover that a competitor had developed a new or better product, or had found a way to manufacture the old product at less cost for sale at a lower price. The customer naturally would buy from the competitor. The standstill firm would go out of business.

As long as men are free to seek reward through their own productive effort, the United States will never cross its last frontier, nor stagnate in a "mature" economy. A dynamic business system is our best guarantee of progress and a better life for all.

In recent years, Socialists in theory and practice have conducted a running attack upon American business and businessmen. Their theme is that "government could do it better" than free men operating in a free economy. They found converts in recent Federal administrations. With skill and cunning they used the government's powerful propaganda machinery and its rich treasury to build up a substantial following among the general public.

The American people can be thankful that their



MR. GREENEWALT, who joined the du Pont organization as a chemist immediately following graduation from M.I.T. in 1922, has had an important part in many of the company's most notable achievements, including its contribution to the government's atomic energy program. Widely recognized as one of the nation's outstanding industrial leaders, he has been president, chairman of the Executive Committee and a member of the Finance Committee of the du Pont company since January 1948.

Congress, refusing to be swept off its feet, rejected many of the Socialist proposals which were advanced. Steps were taken, nevertheless, that already have hampered and could interfere seriously with the business development that is essential for continued progress.

Tax laws have been written, for example, which retard business development and destroy incentive. The misnamed "excess profits tax" discourages industrial growth and the introduction of new products. It is due to expire June 30, 1953, and it is to be hoped it will. If it had not been a temporary expedient, we would already be experiencing its dulling effects. If it is continued, we shall certainly feel them.

(See DYNAMIC BUSINESS page 76)

## The Fury of Ocean Gales

**COULDN'T HARM THIS** 

#### **WOODTEX ROOF!**



This model house—on a pier out over the Atlantic Ocean — was roofed with Woodtex Asphalt Shingles. They were subjected to rough, tough weather all year long—nor'easters, the sun's blazing heat, vicious high winds, freak storms, and a salt-saturated air 24 hours a day. Result? Not a shingle was lost or damaged—the roof was as snug and secure as

the day it was put on the house.

These fire-resistant shingles are rugged—the built-up grain adds far more than beauty, it provides reinforcing ribs for extra wind resistance, strength and weight—250 lbs. per square. That makes WOODTEX a heavyweight champ, ideal for roofing or re-roofing!

And what colors to choose from-

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If you're looking for a shingle that can take a beating and one that's a beauty too, then by all means make it WOODTEX. This exclusive Certain-teed shingle is a profitable shingle to carry and promote, an easy shingle to sell!



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ACOUSTICAL TILE INSULATION FIBERBOARD

THE DIFFERENCE that relocation and enlargement of the store and office space made in Krause & Managan's plant in Crowley, La., is quickly seen in these "before and after" photos. Now it's easy for passersby on the front or side street - to see that this is a building material department store and to park quickly in front. Roman brick columns, redwood paneling atop wide plate-glass windows, glass-block entrance are continuing displays of this dealer's wares.





## Store traffic more than tripled with 'KINETIC' MERCHANDISING

AS YOU probably learned in highschool physics or science, "kinetic" means "pertaining to, or imparting, motion; active." Kinetic Merchandising is the kind that goes on in the remodeled and enlarged building material store of Krause & Managan, Inc., in our nation's rice center—Crowley, Louisiana.

(Visitors and customers also find large measures of Kinetic Merchandising in this line-yard firm's branches at Sulphur, DeRidder, Jennings, Lafayette, New Iberia, and in the headquarters store at Lake Charles.)

"The completely 'New Look' that makes Krause & Managan so attractive these days is a real addition to the business scene in Crowley. We commend Mr. Core and the entire force as well as the other Krause & Managan officials for this forward step in assuring the progress of this pioneer firm. Surely the enhanced quarters,

larger and more attractive, mean big things for the company and its future. We congratulate them all and wish them the very best for always."

Headed "Our sincere congratulations to our good friend A. B. (Bud) Core and to Krause & Managan," the above statement was the text for an advertisement that appeared in the November 3 issue of the Crowley Daily Signal over the joint signatures of this firm's five local competitors and contemporaries!

Before it was overhauled and streamlined into a modern building material department store last fall, the Krause & Managan plant in Crowley had more of the essentials for materials merchandising than the average lumber yard now has. But now it is as attractive as any retail store of any kind in southern Louisiana, thanks to the progressive planning of Bud Core,

who has been manager since K & M bought the Crowley yard in 1933.

In planning the modernization and enlargement of this store, Core followed four cardinal rules in modern materials merchandising:

1. Open up the front of the store and identify it with signs so the public can quickly see what the firm sells.

Display all the principal types or kinds of materials and supplies, so callers can easily know the wide variety of items available.

Display the more popular materials and equipment in use, so customers can decide which best meet their needs and how they will look installed.

4. Keep your store, warehouse, and other premises "as neat as a pin," so they will be inviting to women customers as well as cultured men.

The most outstanding aspect of



ORDERS FOR fancy paneling have increased substantially since Manager A. B. (Bud) Core designed his remodeled store with plenty of "in use" displays of plywood and lumber specimens. At left, he comes from his office as salesmen help customers select the paint and paneling they need. Photo on cover shows Core and an aide checking the grain-etched paneling that fronts the wide sales counter in the store.

the remodeled K & M store in Crowley is the colorful and handy display of fancy lumber and plywood paneling that Core installed.

At the left of the sales counter, the rear store wall is paneled with American elm, medium figured red gum, quarter sliced Korina, plain sliced American walnut, and select curly birch plywood.

Panels installed on the right rear store wall include African mahogany, unselect birch, rotary cut red oak, Philippine ribbon-striped mahogany, vertical grain Western red cedar plywood.

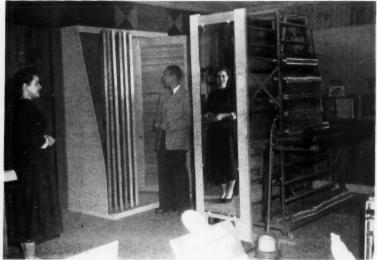
Manager Core's office is paneled in Philippine ribbon striped mahogany and striated plywood.

The hardware counter on the right side of the store is faced with panels of imported birch, dark African mahogany, ash, light mahogany, and grain-etched plywood.

The front sales counter, pictured

on our cover this month, displays on its face five colors of "Amerwood" grain-etched paneling, "Plankweld" Philippine mahogany, and grain-etched plywood. (See KINETIC MERCHANDISING! p. 94)





THE CROWLEY store of Krause & Managan, Inc., makes maximum use of functional displays and dispensers of materials. Door-length mirrors. replacement doors, screen wire almost sell themselves from the displays seen at left. In background is hardware storage section. Hardware stock is grouped in kitchen cabinets with types printed on doors. Atop the island display, seen above, cabinet and builders hardware confront customers as they walk into this modern store. Such merchandising reminds customers of things they need and provides an impulsive selection.



# ALUMINUM—tomorrow's expanding market

THE LARGEST single customer of aluminum producers, the construction industry already uses about one-third of the total aluminum output. From the greatly-increased production facilities of the several aluminum companies, the Reynolds Metals Company anticipates that, within five years, the construction industry will consume at least 2,000,000,000 pounds annually.

For ornamental effects, many architects are expressing preference for aluminum because of its better corrosion resistance and its "white" appearance.

The various uses for aluminum in construction can be broken into eight general classifications, covered as follows in order of their present importance. Note that this relationship is expected to change. For example, it is anticipated that walls, partitions, and ceilings — now in sixth place — might easily turn out to be first or second in importance before long.

Roofing and siding are estimated to account for 200 million pounds of aluminum yearly. This is about 40 per cent of the total quantity of aluminum going into building and construction. Manufacturers predict that it might rise as high as twice this amount in the next few years.

Windows and accessories include many different types of windows, as well as frames, awnings, shutters, and ventilators. About 95 million pounds of aluminum went into this classification of products during 1950 — almost 20 per cent of that used by the industry.

Of all the windows manufactured of various materials, only some 12 per cent are presently made from aluminum. This indicates a tremendous potential in this single application. It is estimated that 175 million pounds can reasonably be anticipated for use in these products in 1953.

General construction products cover such items as builders hardware, duct work, fire escapes, lighting fixtures, and similar uses necessary for buildings, yet neither structural nor ornamental. Current rate of consumption for these items

is 48 million pounds yearly—about 10 per cent of the total amount of aluminum used by the construction industry.

It is expected that builders hardware alone will expand so fast that four million pounds yearly will be reached soon and eventually a rate of 10 million pounds, when current development work by hardware manufacturers has been completed.

Aluminum fire escapes are a particularly interesting new application in this group. Many municipalities are modifying pres-

**ALUMINUM** was approved for use on the fire escapes at the Somerset Court Housing Development in Baltimore, Md. Over 250,000 pounds of aluminum extrusions, rod, bar, and plate went into this job - an increasingly important use of aluminum. Above is a typical farm building with an aluminum roof. Freedom from maintenance work is selling this product to many farmers.



ent building codes to permit aluminum for fire escapes. Reynolds anticipates that over 107 million pounds of aluminum will be going into general construction products this year.

Ornamental products. The aluminum industry put about 30 million pounds into this field in 1952. It should jump to 47 million pounds within the next two years. These products include chalk troughs and blackboard moldings, elevators, moving stairways, grillwork, handrails, marquees, spandrels, and ornamental fixtures.

**Pre-fabricated buildings** include storage bins, utility buildings, garages, aircraft hangars, residential housing, and similar structures, fabricated in part or entirely before erection. Total consumption during 1950 was 21,500,000 pounds.

The first all-aluminum aircraft hangar is in Britain. It is 125 feet wide, 110 feet long, and 30 feet high. The aluminum trusses were assembled on the ground and easily raised into place. This cut construction costs considerably.

Walls, partitions, ceilings: While in sixth place now, this market can well become one of the first three within a few years. Present aluminum consumption for this purpose is 15 million pounds a year. The estimated potential is 60 million pounds a year.

This large increase is foreseen in the present interest in curtain-wall construction. This type of construction, which is somewhat new, involves hanging the exterior walls of a building on the structural framework of the building. Since the wall is supported on the framework rather than being self-supporting, it can be far thinner than for the conventional type wall.

Doors and store fronts: This outlet currently requires 10 million pounds a year. The anticipated potential this year is 25 million pounds because these applications now are well accepted.

Highway equipment: Included here are bridge railings, bridge floorings, bridge structure, and light poles. While recent surveys show no significant usage of aluminum now, it is estimated that about 5 million pounds yearly may be required in 1953. Two well-known bridges have been built of aluminum — a bascule bridge in England and a standard single-span highway bridge in Arvida, Canada.

In remodeling work, aluminum is expected to play an increasingly-important role — especially for

ceilings. "Drop" ceilings are being built by suspending sheet aluminum several feet below the old ceilings to add space for air-conditioning ducts, wiring, and the like. This sheet is perforated with 1/8-inch diameter holes in a diamond pattern on 5/16-inch centers, then corrugated with 7/8-inch corrugations on a 2½-inch pitch.

Panels are positioned on T and channel-shaped sections suspended by wires.

Sound-absorbing blankets are placed on top of the aluminum panels. Sound travels through the holes in the aluminum ceiling to be absorbed by this acoustic material. Because of the lightness of aluminum, no appreciable weight load is added to the building structure.

#### Sash and Door Firm Collects 17-Year-Old Debt

P. U. Ullom, manager of the Sweetwater (Tex.) Sash and Door Co., reports that a New Mexico man has paid a 17-year-old bill he did not owe personally but had promised to stand behind.

Ullom was surprised recently when this man wrote him for the balance on the debt. Ullom's records had been lost in a fire but an old letter revealed a balance due of \$75 on a \$200 debt, incurred by two men who now are dead.

Manager Ullom wrote the man that "certainly there never was a legal obligation on your part and if there had been it long ago has been barred by limitation. It renews the faith of some of us older ones and inspires some of the younger ones to find a man like you."



A POPULAR new method of remodeling old buildings is shown above — applying sheet aluminum in a dropped ceiling below the old one. Noise goes through the holes and is absorbed by an acoustic material applied to the old ceiling above. Pictured below is another growing use of aluminum — framework for wall partitions inside homes, stores, factories, institutions. The smaller framework takes up less room, looks more streamlined. It can be fastened together for easy removal and other use later.



## 1 Model Kitchen + 2 Salesmen =

# \$400,000 APPLIANCE SALES

WHEN R. O. Woodson opened his lumber yard in 1948, he decided that the first major expansion he would make when finances permitted would include an appliance department. He saw so many opportunities to sell appliances while selling building supplies that he was sure electric appliances belonged naturally in a lumber and building supply store.

Early in 1951, this Corpus Christi, Texas, firm added a wing to the sales room for an appliance

department.

During the first year, the company's appliance sales volume amounted to over \$400,000. The second year promises a considerably higher figure.

These sales were all handled by just two men—Carl Cagle, appliance department manager, and

one salesman.

No sales are attempted via the doorbell route. "We have found so far that there are more practical ways of obtaining leads," Woodson pointed out. "In the first place, we build quite a lot of homes ourselves. Obviously the buyers of these homes are good appliance prospects, and we are in on the ground floor."

The Woodson Lumber Company built 150 homes in 1952, each containing 840 square feet of floor space, to sell for \$7,000. Owner Woodson has sites and plans for an additional 295 larger homes this year and next.

When the company supplies lumber and building materials for a new home or a major remodeling job, the name of the home-owner goes to the appliance department for a salesman to follow up immediately. Many excellent leads come from customers themselves, especially those who buy Woodson-built and Woodson-furnished homes.

Located on a wide street far out of downtown Corpus Christi, with plenty of parking space, the Woodson store has a natural appeal for drop-in customers. And the modern store front, itself, helps to stop passersby.

The appliance department setup provides a "live" demonstration of every appliance on sale—from percolators to deep-freezers. The center of this demonstration arrangement is a model kitchen.

This kitchen provides an ideal spot for cooking schools and mass demonstrations. Woodson takes ad-

vantage of every opportunity to utilize the service of factory demonstrators to attract housewives to the department. Such group demonstrations nearly always pay off, too, he declares.

Woodson sells most appliances on installment terms. He is not as liberal as he was at first in granting credit, but he does not believe he has lost any desirable business by exercising greater care in credit risks.

At first, he depended largely upon his own resources for checking a prospect's credit ability; now he leans heavily on the finance company that handles the paper.

This finance firm, a major operator in the Southwest, recently opened a Corpus Christi office—largely on the strength of the business handled for Woodson.

Cagle works on a drawing account and department sales commission. The appliance salesman is on straight commission.

Woodson exercised extreme care in selecting the two-man force for the appliance department. He says he would rather be drastically understaffed than to employ a salesman who is not a permanent resident and a substantial citizen.





MANAGER R. O. Woodson frequently studies his appliance department for possible improvements. Any appliance — from toaster to dishwasher — can be demonstrated here. Photo at left shows the recently-remodeled store front, with a sign that announces "appliances" in letters as big as those in the firm name.

THE HOUSE Doctor is out of the store nearly all the time. Tommy Bost, who is seen here with "Doc," takes his telephone calls and makes appointments. He gets between 20 and 30 calls a week.



# Meet the House Doctor

# Besides curing ailing houses, the "doctor" is making Seth's profit column healthier

**HELPING PEOPLE** to solve their problems is an excellent way to make steady friends — and customers!

That philosophy was largely responsible for Gordon Goodson's starting a "House Doctor" service last January in Lincolnton, North Carolina. When a number of the good customers of the Seth Lumber Company asked who could replace a rotting screen or broken cement driveway, he made the company's "Lanky Planky" Calvin McClure an official D. H. (Doctor of Homes).

The service was started to accommodate people who needed small jobs done and didn't know a reliable workman to turn to. But in just three months it proved to be a big profit-builder by leading Seth salesmen to larger jobs and by selling materials to use for the House Doctor's jobs.

One lady sent for the "doctor" to do a job that took half an hour. But once that one was finished, she continued to find more until he had worked there three whole days!

There is a minimum charge of \$2 for each call. The Seth firm does not plan to make its profit on labor charges, but rather from materials sold and larger orders resulting from its greatly increased goodwill.

Frequently the House Doctor runs into prospects for larger jobs, which are handled as a remodeling job by other personnel. He is in so many homes that he also can keep a close check on families that may need improvements in the future, such as a new interior paint or wallpaper job or the addition of a major appliance.

The new service for making small repairs was announced to the public in a four-column newspaper advertisement that pictured a house being examined by Dr. Lanky Planky and his stethoscope. The yellow truck, with the company name and "House Doctor" and "Nothing Down—36 Mos. to Pay" painted on it, soon was seen running up and down Lincolnton streets, stopping to make calls at various homes.

From the first week, the House Doctor received a "deluge" of calls—to replace cracked window glass, rotting sash, faulty locksets, cracked cement walks, and cabinet doors; to re-align sagging doors; to apply weatherstripping, and to waterproof basements.

When The Seth Lumber Company opened a branch store recently in Mount Holly, a newspaper ad announced that the "doctor" would be in that area for two days. Immediate response from the public

brought him so many "patients" that it was obvious that another "doctor" and "ambulance" would have to be added soon.

In conjunction with this new service, the Seth Lumber Company started a column in the paper in which the House Doctor answers questions about construction that are sent to him through the mail.

A typical question is: "How can I open a window that's paint stuck?"

The column has caused much favorable comment.



A. B. COVER, owner of the Seguin Lumber Company in Seguin, Texas, constantly uses the unique pencil holder seen in his hand, above. He got it in this way:

"A car-dealing friend was in my office when I was searching for a certain colored pencil. He said he would send me a pencil holder. And this is what he sent—an old distributor head from an eight-cylinder automobile, reclaimed from a trash box and cleaned."

# For modern building exteriors,

# sell 'em ASBESTOS CEMENT SIDING

By HELEN G. MATTHEWS

ASBESTOS CEMENT SIDING provides an inexpensive way to give attractive exteriors to weatherweary, out-of-date dwellings. Most complete re-siding jobs of this material cost little more than a good paint job and will out-last wood.

Never lose an opportunity to stress the three main selling points for these sidings:

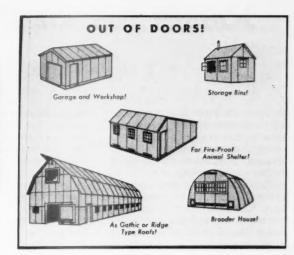
- 1. Low initial cost.
- 2. Low maintenance.
- 3. Fire protection.

The day has gone when "asbestos cement siding" meant a shingled appearance for the "doctored" home. The variety of forms in which manufacturers offer asbestos cement products makes them suitable for re-siding small development-type homes or the larger two-story homes built a generation or two ago—suitable for modern or more traditional architecture.

A clever salesman could re-do an entire neighborhood with asbestos without giving it the appearance of a housing project by using wavy- or straight-edge shingles, clapboard, 4' by 8' flat sheets, or corrugated sheets in the various colors and patterns offered.

Since asbestos cement clapboards

FARM buildings offer great potentials for selling asbestos cement sidings in flat and corrugated sheet form. Typical uses are shown here. Below, asbestos shingles are applied over worn clapboard to give this house a handsome new exterior.



and decorative sheets are less common—and appeal to many homeowners when shingles do not—the first step in a dealer's promotion should be to make the public wellinformed through advertising of his complete line.

A new thinner, flexible type of board is frequently cut into strips for board-and-batten application. Three-inch wood battens are placed at the joining line of the asbestos cement planks, which are coated with a sealer. Then the entire wall

is painted with any good exterior house paint. This material is nailed and sawed like wood. It is flexible enough to fit around moderatelycurved surfaces, a handy quality in remodeling store fronts and farm buildings.

The tinted flat sheets with a striated texture particularly suit modern architecture. Architects and designers are finding many uses now for the corrugated siding as a decorative touch to house exteriors. As modern architecture gains in popularity, dealers will have an opportunity to modernize older homes by the addition of more window area and applying a new siding.

The corrugated sheets should be especially promoted for remodeling farm buildings. They provide a sturdy wall that needs no paint or maintenance and keeps the building cooler in summer by reflecting the heat of the sun. They provide fire-proof shelter for animals and storage for grains.

If a customer prefers a slightly deeper course of shingles, this can be accomplished by using an insulating board sheathing under shingle courses. This permits exposing 11 inches of the shingle and also cuts down the number of squares needed to cover the house.

The retail dealer should be more than a siding salesman—he should be literally an "exterior decorator."

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# How retailers benefit from JOBBER DISTRIBUTION

By S. M. VAN KIRK\*

IT IS HIGH TIME that the wholesale distributor be recognized and assume his proper place in the orderly distribution of building material products from the manufacturer to the dealer.

The retailer has his trade association and the manufacturers have had their trade associations for many years. Through the National Building Material Distributors Association, we propose to develop a strong link in the chain of building material distribution, which not only will be of help to the retail dealer, but also to the manufacturer.

The manufacturers of the building products are doing a good job of creating the desire to use their wares. It is the distributors' job to serve them as efficiently and as aggressively as possible, as a warehouse connecting link between factory and dealer.

Effective distribution is fast becoming a dominant factor in supplying the building material dealer with the goods he needs to make a profit. In fact, whether he realizes it, the building material dealer sells so many items that he would go broke without the services of the wholesale distributor.

There are five definite benefits which we believe the jobber can give to the dealer through good jobber distribution. These benefits are explained below.

1. Quick Turnover of Merchan-

dise. Certainly the wholesale distributor has reduced dealer inventory investments. Many more items can now be carried in stock by the dealer because of the jobber. In reality, the distributor carries most of the dealer's stock, particularly the slow-moving items, and that means profit in the dealer's pocket.

When a dealer buys twice the amount he should, because of a little extra discount, he is likely to have obsolescence in his stock and he may lose more than he saved in his original cost. The jobber can help him avoid this common pitfall.

The inventories of wholesale distributors ordinarily represent a huge 60-to-90-day stockpile of building materials and supplies. Besides acting as a protection against emergencies, this product reservoir is an economic shockabsorber for American business. Short, sharp jolts in the economic highway are absorbed and hardly felt by either the manufacturer or the retailer. Even the impact of major booms and depressions is cushioned to a degree that prevents many people from getting hurt seriously enough to be put out of husiness

Whether the wholesale distributor likes it or not, he is the shock-absorber of commerce—and shock-absorbers can take an awful beating on a rough road, when the rest of the car hardly feels the bumps.

2. Merchandise When the Dealer Wants It. Prompt service on many items is going to help the dealer give his customers better service and that is something the manufacturer can not always do. While visiting a jobber recently, we overheard this telephone conversation:

"Our truck is leaving the warehouse in about an hour. We can put this order on it and you will have it shortly after lunch." This instance may be the exception which proves the rule, but it does give an idea of the possible speed in delivery of material by the jobber to the dealer. How long would it take to get the same material from its source of manufacture?

Years ago a retailer could carry a fairly large stock of a relatively few items. Few products had national distribution and a dealer's stock was simple. In the building industry then, most dealers sold only lumber products. As our standard of living rose, the lumber dealer found that he had to add additional products to meet the needs of his community. As his capital was spread thinner and thinner over a growing line of materials, the quantity that could be safely carried was continuously reduced.

Entirely as the result of jobber service, the most successful lumber dealers today carry little more than token stocks of many of the products they sell. They know that in most cases they can meet any unusual demands on an overnight basis through their wholesale distributor.

3. Credit on Current Supplies. One of the greatest benefits the dealer secures from the jobber is his handling of the dealer's credit. The jobber is in a much better position to assume credit responsibilities than a central credit organization 300 or more miles away.

To insure maximum sales, the jobber must extend sufficient credit to the dealer. Yet, to have minimum losses, he must control credit. So, the next time Mr. Jobber

(See JOBBER DISTRIBUTION page 96)



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# Customers select this dealer's stock!

## "Let them help choose the merchandise and then they are sure to buy it," says this progressive Texas merchant

CATERING almost exclusively to "drop-in" customers, the Sligh Lumber Company, Waco, Texas, achieves a sales volume of over \$150,000 a year. Charles Sligh traces this success to two main factors.

First, the store occupies a building only three blocks from the main Waco shopping district, in a two-story automotive freight building that Sligh remodeled into a compact "under one roof" lumber yard shortly before World War II. This makes shopping convenient and attracts many women customers.

But more important than location is the fact that the showroom's \$25,000 inventory is based on a "want slip" system—dictated by customers themselves.

These want-slips are small mimeographed forms with space for the item requested, the name of the customer who wanted it, and for the salesman to jot down "remarks" about the request. Even if he sold the customer another item in place of the one requested, a want-slip is filled out and this information noted.

These slips are scattered around the store so that they are handy at all times.

The want-slip system has become familiar in many businesses to show items that are not stocked but are actually requested by customers. But Sligh has carried this idea one step further—he constantly reminds his personnel at sales meetings to ask their customers to suggest merchandise even before they seek it.

This system gives the customer a sense of prestige to have his advice asked in planning the store's inventory. It also attracts many customers back into the store to buy some item each thought would be a good seller. Sometimes customers even ask how "their" ideas are working out!

Friday night or Saturday morning, Sligh personally goes over each want-slip that has been turned in during the week. This permits him to consider what to order the following week.

Special attention is given to those slips which indicate that the customer has been unable to find the item anywhere. Such a slip always includes the customer's name and telephone number. The company tries to get the item, even though it is not added to the regular stock. When the shipment arrives, that customer is notified.

Thus Sligh and his firm have gotten the reputation in Waco of being a source of many items not usually found in a lumber yard but obtainable through the courtesy and extra effort of Sligh personnel. This system of goodwill has turned many occasional

shoppers into regular customers.

Many items that are now kept in stock and attract regular customers, were added to the inventory because they were prominent on want-slips.

At one time, Sligh "wouldn't have considered stocking sporting goods." But due to inquiries about such merchandise, a sporting goods department was set up and now profitably sells baseball, football, tennis, badminton, fishing, hunting, and camping equipment.

The large inventory of power tools was stocked, tool by tool, in the same manner.

Drinking fountains and plumbing fixtures were other want-slip results.

Because housewives requested small cans of paint, Sligh's now competes with dime stores in small paint and varnish sales, plus the usual painting accessories.

Housewives are also responsible for the larger-than-usual garden tool department, lawn furniture, and a stock of glues for every purpose.

Sligh commented that "even the most illogical request sometimes leads to establishing a profitable line for our company."

Proof that his stock is suited to the needs of his community is available to Sligh through the recent decrease in want-slips. He and his seven salespeople try to get customers to suggest some item before they leave the store. But more recently, they are less and less able to think up anything that is not already stocked. Even "special order" merchandise is becoming rare.

ALL CUSTOMERS are requested to comment on merchandise stocks at the Sligh Lumber Co. Items not stocked are noted on want-slips that are convenient for salesmen throughout the showroom. Here, Dealer Charles Sligh goes over a week's supply of want-slips with a secretary before ordering new and additional supplies.



# WASHINGTON NEWS & &



RENT CONTROLS in non-critical areas where they were in effect on April 30 will be extended through July. In critical areas they will be extended until next April 30, but exempt will be new construction and conversions that have been completed in these defense areas since February, 1947.

The brighter outlook for peace conferences with the Soviets had a bearing on the short control extension. Eisenhower has definitely taken the initiative, following the demise of Stalin, in insisting that the Russians prove their desire for peace by "getting down to business" on the basic issues.

Renewed peace conferences in Korea have raised the big question of what will happen to business should peace clearly come. A limited adjustment or recession is inevitable, but the basic factors undergirding present prosperity hold promise of continued good business because of the Eisenhower administration's prescription.

Our money supply is large, and liquid funds of individuals continue to increase. The population is rising, new households are forming though more slowly, and the labor force is expanding. State and local governments will spend more for roads. schools, and other needs.

Government policy makers are encouraging competition and venturing, with the assurance that success gains a real reward. To this end the administration aims to keep money plentiful, to permit increase of risk capital through tax cuts and revisions, and to abandon the New Deal policy of granting labor its every demand.

THE U.S. COUNCIL of the International Chamber of Commerce, declaring that "a mere continuation of past Reciprocal Trade Agreements legislation is inadequate in meeting present-day problems," has prepared a five-point action program to be included in a "Trade Expansion Act of 1953." It calls for:

1. Simplification of customs procedure and establishment of clear. consistent evaluation.

2. Reduction of tariffs unilaterally across-the-board, starting with a minimum cut of 20 per cent on January 1, 1954.

3. Repeal of preferential clauses, such as the Buy-American Act. This prevents Federal purchases of foreign goods unless they are 25 per cent below domestic price.

4. Gradual increase by a fixed percentage of import quotas.

5. Creation of a Citizens Commission on International Trade.

The Council observed that "underlying all is our deep conviction that the extension of trade, both domestic and foreign, is in the interests of the entire nation: its labor, its industry, its agriculture, and its consumers.'

CONTENDING that "the legislation would tend to increase the cost of Federal public works construction; tend to limit competition for sub-contracts, and tend to increase the administrative responsibilities and costs of government without any benefits to Federal agencies," the Associated General Contractors of America have urged Congressional committees to vote down the proposed "Federal Construction Contract Act of 1953."

The act would require contractors to name their proposed mechanical specialty subcontractors and the amounts of their proposals on Federal public works projects.

REMOVAL of the maturity limit controls on FHA-insured and VAfinanced homes and minimum VA loan down-payments on April 18 by HHFA Administrator Albert M. Cole eased the new housing market some, but not enough to suit the National Association of Home Builders. FHA loans can now run up to 25 or 30 years, depending on the amount of the mortgage. VA houses can be financed over 30 years.

NAHB has proposed to Uncle Sam that down-payments on FHA-insured loans be reduced from \$950 to \$600 on a \$9,000 house; from \$1,250 to \$800 on a \$10,000 house; from \$2,-400 to \$1,200 on a \$12,000 house; and from \$3,000 to \$1,500 on a \$15,000 house.

NAHB also wants the repayment period on all FHA and GI home mortgages under \$12,000 stretched out to 30 years.

#### Yes, It's a House—"Solar Space" on Hilltop



Photo courtesy Barrett Roofing Division

ORIENTED SO that its principal glass walls face north and south, which allows the sun's rays to help heat it in winter, this unusual structure in Washington, D. C., is called a "solar-space" house by David Baker, the architect.

To achieve maximum flexibility, a structural system was employed to provide an independent load-bearing network of metal, concrete, and wood that is wholly independent of any walls for support. The first floor of the solar-space house is elevated and the utility and recreation rooms are placed on grade.

The first floor is cantilevered over

the ground floor, to give the house and its setting the maximum utilization of the outdoor area. Space beneath the cantilevered section on one side of the house can be used as a car port. Space on the other side is used for a paved terrace porch.

The dwelling is protected by a build-up "Specification" roof-a flat roof of felt, pitch and slag. This roof permits use of interior drains, eliminating the need for a costly gutter and downspout system. Clear, white slag was used as a roof surfacing as an aid to insulation by reflecting the intense rays of Washington's summer sun.

# SUPPLY & DEMAND

THE CHALLENGE now facing the construction industry, according to the current issue of "Construction Markets," published by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and edited by Lumber Dealer Norman P. Mason, "is the keeping up to date of a stock of 43 million non-farm family dwellings. The possibilities are exciting. Perhaps a whole new phase of the construction industry may develop because of the opportunities it presents.

"... The residential fix-up business may now be running over \$6,-500,000,000 and we believe another \$1,000,000,000 could be added to it. Such a total would make this activity more important than any other category of private construction activity except new residential building itself....

"The need for more space outdoes all the other incentives for remodeling. For nearly 20 years we have been building houses smaller and smaller, while since the end of World War II the number of children has been steadily increasing. Only in the past year or two have we reached the point where there is a slight trend in the opposite direction. The little houses have become too cramped. Extra bedrooms are needed, and extra bathrooms, more play space, ample living and cooking facilities. Most of this demand will have to be taken care of by expanding and rearranging existing houses."

HOUSING STARTS in March were estimated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics at 97,000, or 7% less than in March '52. Non-farm dwelling starts for the first quarter totaled 245,000, compared with 246,500 a year before.

Housebuilding in March was estimated at a seasonally adjusted rate of 1,114,000 units a year. Final reports for 1952 showed 1,127,000 units started last year.

**EXPENDITURES** for new construction during the first quarter of '53 reach a record first-quarter total of \$7 billion, according to BLS estimates. After allowance for higher costs, this also was a record for work actually done on new construction.

Total new construction was 6.2% greater than during the first quarter of last year. Residential building activity accounted for nearly one-half of the 7% increase in private construction expenditures during the three-month period.

During February, retail lumber sales were up 7% from January but 2.2% under a year before, according to the NRLDA survey. Lumber stocks were up 4.5% from January and 1.0% greater than a year ago.

**THE SALES** of retail building material dealers were 4% greater for the first two months of this year, compared with '52. This was paralleled by a 2% gain in sales by wholesalers during the period.

The wholesale price index on lumber and wood products inched up 0.5% in March from February, to stand at 1.0% more than in March '52. The price index was 3.0% below January '51 under GCPR but 8.3% above June '50 (pre-Korean war).

THE NATIONAL lumber barometer for the week ending April 18 showed brisker activity than for several weeks running. Shipments were 2.5% above production, and new orders outpaced output 8.5%. Compared with the corresponding week of '52, production was up 3.4%; shipments, up 3.0%; new orders, up 11.4%.

In this picture, Western pine and Southern hardwood were most in demand, with oak and maple flooring pushing them. For Southern pine, shipments were 6.78% below, and orders 9.89% below, production for the week.

Actual production of Southern pine was 3.24% above the three-year average, but orders were off 6.97%, and shipments were down 3.76%.

**AMENDMENTS** to ICC service orders last month, as far as coal and building material dealers are concerned, resulted in the elimination of Saturday as a demurrage day until May 31, and the elimination of all types of open-top equipment except flat cars from penalty demurrage charges until June 30.

This will save some dealers some freight penalty charges. If cars are unloaded and returned promptly to the railroads, these suspensions may be extended indefinitely.

THE AMERICAN Institute of Architects will pay close attention to wood as a structural material at its 85th annual convention in Seattle, Wash., June 15-19. The choice of forest products as a major program topic was influenced by the convention site, the Pacific Northwest — stronghold of American lumber industry.

Noted representatives of the lumber research institutes, logging companies, forestry societies, plywood and timber industries and associations, will speak on their specialties as they relate to architecture in the three seminars. These will cover wood as a natural resource, wood processing, and structural uses of wood.

#### **Lumber Sales Helps**

To help lumber salesmen in the field, the National Lumber Manufacturers Assn. has published a bibliography of lumber industry literature for salesmen's use.

The booklet, "Lumber — Know It to Sell It" — was prepared under the direction of the special committee on sales training. It is indexed to cover appropriate phases of industry operations.

Copies are available for 25 cents from association offices at 1319 18th Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.



# NEWS of the INDUSTRY

# Costs Push Profits Down for Tennesseans

The sixth "Cost of Doing Business" survey, made by the Bureau of Business Research of the University of Tennessee, shows that the net sales of 74 retail building supply dealers in 1952 averaged \$373,198.06. Sales of the 85 dealers participating the previous year averaged \$385,502.28.

Total operating expenses amounted to 19.2 per cent of net sales—a rise of 0.4 per cent over 1951, so net profits before income taxes dropped 0.6 per cent. Average cost of materials sold amounted to 73.5 per cent, an increase of 0.6 per cent over the previous year.

Yard and warehouse expenses rose 0.4 per cent. Selling expenses — including salaries, commissions, advertising, and miscellaneous sales items—gained 0.2 per cent. Advertising

expenses stood still—at 0.6 per cent.

Delivery expenses also remained the same — 3.4 per cent of net sales.

The most significant over-all decreases were seen in shop expenses, which dropped 0.5 per cent, and in administrative and office expenses, which dropped 0.6 per cent. Chiefly accounting for lower office costs were drops in the percentage of over-all expenses for office salaries, which came down 0.3 per cent; building expenses, 0.2 per cent, and miscellaneous expenses, 0.1 per cent.

Taxes remained the same, 1 per cent, while insurance advanced 0.1 per cent.

### Lone Star to Supply Carolina More Cement

Installation of a third kiln at the Lone Star, Va., plant of the Lone Star Cement Corp. is scheduled to be completed by November 1, with a production expansion of from 4,400 to 6,600 barrels of portland cement a day

Ground was broken for the new addition on March 2—less than two years following activation of the new plant's two kilns in June '51. Like the kilns now in operation, the new one will be 340 feet long and 10 feet in diameter, complete with airquenching cooler. These refractorylined kilns burn selected raw materials at a temperature of 2800° F.

In announcing progress on the plant addition, Dwight Morgan, vicepresident of the Lone Star firm's Virginia Division, said:

"We thank the people of Virginia

and North Carolina for the reception that our products have received — a characteristically friendly attitude which is deeply appreciated by our management. It forms the basis of the decision to expand our production at this time.

"Increasing our production facilities from 4,400 to 6,600 barrels of Lone Star cement a day at this Virginia plant will enable us to better serve the requirements of cement users throughout this area—particularly in North Carolina, for which this is the logical service point."

#### Now in New Orleans

The Eastern sales and administrative offices of the Rudiger-Lang Co. have been transferred from the Toccoa, Ga., factory to New Orleans, La., according to General Manager John F. Disimone.

The new office location is Suite 310 in the International Trade Mart, New Orleans 12, La. From it Disimone's staff will service accounts in the Southern, Mid-Western, and Eastern areas. Rudiger-Lang makes Roll-Away, Nu-Frame, and Tensiontite window screens.



W. RAY FRYE is now vice-president and general manager of the A & F Tileboard Co., Inc., of Alexandria, La. President Roy Flowers announced the executive promotion for Frye, who is a graduate of Tulane University in business administration. He has had extensive experience in banking, personnel, promotion, and

institutional managament.

### \$200 Billion Outlay by Industry Foreseen

American industry will have to invest by 1960 about \$200 billion, nearly as much as was invested in the last 30 years, if it is to achieve adequate output, with the working force available, to maintain our high standard of living. So declared Dean E. Carson, director of business research for the B. F. Goodrich Co., in a recent address before Eastern Industrial Advertisers, the Philadelphia chapter of the National Industrial Advertisers Assn.

Carson pointed out that studies by his company indicated the total population of the United States by 1960 would be 174 million people-an increase of about 15 per cent from 1950. "This population increase will be mainly an addition to the consuming group rather than to the producing group. Those at work will be faced with the task of supporting a much larger number of people than in any previous period in our history. Except in periods of adjustment, the demand for labor should be so great that all those who are able and willing to work should have little difficulty in finding jobs."

But in achieving more productivity, the Goodrich executive said, "every American worker must be provided with more effective tools. These tools will cost an enormous amount of money — \$200 billion worth. Compare this with the \$71 billion spent for new plants and equipment in the 1920's, or with the \$110 billion invested by industry in the 1940's when this country built an undreamed of productive capacity for war and peace."

### Value of Trees in Home Projects Stressed

Trees will sprout by the groveful in the nation's new small-house communities if most builders will graduate from their status of house-builders to that of community builders, asserts *House & Home* magazine in its April issue. "Home buyers will be grateful. So, too, will architects, town planners, civic associations and mortgage companies."

An article entitled "The Economics of Trees" quotes the dollar figures of leading builders to make the point that trees are not too much of a luxury for the low-cost home, in fact can be used as a sales feature for the development house.

It also reports that the cost of big-

size trees, four to six inches in diameter, can be included in FHA and VA commitments, with certain qualifications. Selective clearing of wood sites is better and cheaper than stripping building lots of all trees.

"But the chief reason why builders from now on should dedicate themselves to the study of tree values is because it is time they graduated from the status of house-builders to that of community builders. There can be no arguing about the value of trees to the over-all beauty, comfort and economy of a residential community. Their ability to air-condition an entire area, prop up property values, quiet the noise of traffic, and screen objectionable views is well-known by all builders."

#### Store Show in N. Y.

To assist stores with their building plans, and to let retailers see and compare the latest developments in building materials, fixtures, and equipment, the Store Modernization Institute is holding the fourth National Store Modernization, Building and Maintenance Show June 9-12 in New York City at the air-conditioned Madison Square Garden.

It features the largest display ever held of building materials, store fronts, show cases and fixtures, flooring, surfacing materials, air-conditioning, lighting fixtures needed to build and modernize stores.

#### Clark Plans to Buy Ross Carrier Company

George Spatta, president of Clark Equipment Co., Buchanan, Mich., and H. B. Ross, president of Ross Carrier Co., Benton Harbor, Mich., have announced that an agreement has been entered into with members of the Ross family owning more than 85 per cent of the Ross Carrier Co., under which Clark, would acquire the capital shares of Ross Carrier Co., owned by them and such other shareholders as become parties to the agreement.

Clark manufactures automotive and agricultural components, and produces a line of industrial lift trucks for materials handling.

Ross manufactures straddle trucks used in handling lumber, pipe, etc., fork-lift trucks, and a line of power shovels and excavating equipment for earth-moving operations.

#### **Customers Select Site**

When traffic re-arrangements in Worchester, Mass., forced W. H. Sawyer to move his lumber yard, he decided to ask his customers to help him pick a new location.

In less than a month, he had 1,656 answers, with more still coming in.

"If they don't like the location now," Sawyer commented, "it's their own fault."

# Building Industry Gives to Palsy Center

Building contractors and building supply firms of Denver recently joined forces with American Federation of Labor unions and with United Cerebral Palsy of Colorado to help erect Denver's new Cerebral Palsy Center. This modern educational and clinical institution is due for completion this month.

Acting under the leadership of the General Contractors Association of Denver, 25 general contractors, of Denver, 25 general contractors, and 94 different lumber, plumbing, electrical and other building supply firms participated by giving cash contributions and donating excavation machinery, cement, lumber, brick, roofing, and other building materials for this worthy project. Over a score of building trades union locals voted funds to cover the cost of labor to construct the center.

Dividends for this unique enterprise, say leading members of Denver's building industry, will more than repay the "investment": hundreds of palsied children, handicapped by a disorder that affects as many children nationally as does polio, will be given the kind of diagnosis and treatment they so desperately need. Many of these youngsters will learn to walk, talk, feed themselves, and smile for the first time.



#### 25 HOUSTONIANS COMPLETE SHORT SELLING COURSE

Twenty-five members of the Houston (Tex.) Retail Lumber Dealers Assn. recently completed a course in "Success in Retail Selling" at the Institute of Retailing, University of Houston. Above, Edgar Schroeder, president of the Alexander Schroeder Lumber Co., demonstrates the art of selling with Instructor Mark Hanna.

The course consisted of four evening sessions. These included one on knowing who your customer is, what are his wants, and when does he need them; another on

"being different — many firms are alike; what makes yours different"; the third session was on overcoming the customer's objections to buying now, and the last was entitled "Go Out and Sell—yourself, your products, your firm."

The association's secretary-manager, Harold J. Skinner, announced that his group now is planning a long-range educational training program for lumbermen, in cooperation with the university.

## Moving UP!

Chamber of Commerce of U. S. . . . Charles M. Mortensen on May 1 became associate manager of the trade association department. He will work with the present department manager, Henry P. Fowler, until his retirement September 1. Managing director of the Producers Council since 1947, Mortensen has had over 19 years' experience in engineering, sales, public relations, and promotion work.

Southern States Iron Roofing Co.... FRANK H. EMERICK has been promoted to assistant director of personnel, helping Director Ralph Buchanan with all SSirco personnel relations. During his service as personnel and safety manager for the Savannah, Ga., plant, that branch won the National Safety Council award for the best safety record in their class.

Masonite Corp. . . . K. F. (KIM) HOLLOWAY is now assistant manager of the Southwest division, with headquarters in Dallas. He has sold building materials for 27 years, the last 13 with Masonite in the Long Island territory.

Tennessee Products and Chemical Corp. . . . Eugene F. Allen has returned to this firm as manager of market development and research. He joined the company after service with the Navy, then left to become sales manager of the chemical division of McKesson and Robbins.

National Gypsum Co.... Patrick H. Ryan is the new sales manager of the asbestos products division. This new department was formed after the recent purchase of the Asbestone Corp. and Smith Asbestos Products, Inc. Ryan formerly managed the Asbestone plant in St. Louis and headed Smith sales. WILLIAM U. Townsend is commodity manager for the new division. He formerly headed export sales for National Gypsum.

Investors Diversified Services, Inc. . . . Robert W. Purcell has been elected president of this parent company of the nation's largest investment company group. He succeeded Earl E. Crabb, who continues as chairman of the board.

Gunnison Homes, Inc. . . . This U. S. Steel subsidiary has appointed James L. Forrester as manager of the Southeastern district, with headquarters in Atlanta. Before joining Gunnison, he was associated with a Memphis, Tenn., architectural firm.

Virginia Metal Products Corp. . . . John J. Egan Jr. has been appointed manager of sales for the partitions



HAROLD B. PATTERSON, former sales representative for Reed Unit-Fans in New Orleans, has been promoted to sales manager. He will supervise district branches in a 20-state area and will have charge of product development and advertising for Reed.

and conveyor divisions. Formerly he was regional sales manager for the Lamson Corp. In his new position, he will develop Mobilwall partitions and VMP conveyors.

Arrow Metal Products Corp. . . . ARNOLD A. WASSERMAN is now general sales manager for this metal-coating plant. During the past four years, he has been North Atlantic district sales manager for the Columbia Mills.

American Forest Products Industries . . . RAMON GREENWOOD, former Little Rock, Ark., newspaperman, is now field manager for the states of Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Kansas, with headquarters in Memphis.

Moe Light, Inc. . . . R. W. MINETT JR. now is sales promotion and advertising manager of this residential lighting fixture firm. For the past six years, he has been with Moe Brothers distributorship.

House of Masury . . . Charles Caltriber is now Mid-Atlantic division manager for this paint firm. He has had a lifetime background in the paint business and has operated his own store.

Mullins Manufacturing Corp. . . . C. D. Alderman is new vice-president in charge of merchandising for this firm which makes Youngstown Kitchens. He joined Mullins in 1938 and later served as sales manager for the Philadelphia-New York area.

### Hardwood Design Winners Announced

At the dedication banquet and official opening of the hardwoods exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, 24 of the nation's leading designers, architects, and firms were honored for their outstanding products or interiors dramatizing hardwoods and typifying the important role hardwoods play in modern product and interior design.

The "Design in Hardwoods" certificates of award for highest honors in five classifications were presented to Paul McCobb and William P. Wachsman, furniture design; Milton Horn and Wachsman, architectural interior design, and George Nelson in industrial product design.

The hardwoods exhibit is a permanent, non-commercial, educational exhibit designed to show the beauty and practical virtues of hardwoods. Financed by voluntary contributions from the entire hardwood industry, the exhibit is valued in excess of \$350,000, and covers 10,000 square feet of space.

The Museum of Science and Industry is visited by over two million persons each year, from every state in the union, Canada, and many foreign countries. Thousands of persons will gain a new appreciation of hardwoods and hardwood products after visiting this permanent exhibit, which presents the fascinating story of hardwoods from living tree to finished product.

#### **Coal Merchants Convene**

Members of the Southeastern Retail Coal Assn. will meet for their 11th convention at Savannah, Ga., May 24-26.

The first day, Sunday, will be devoted to entertainment. Business sessions will be held Monday and Tuesday.

# Six Engineering Colleges Rate ECRC

Broadened engineering research activities associated with their educational programs have qualified six colleges and universities for new memberships in the Engineering College Research Council of the American Society for Engineering Education.

Dr. Eric A. Walker, dean of engineering at the Pennsylvania State College and chairman of the Engineering College Research Council, announced the election to membership of Clarkson College of Technology, Pratt Institute, Southern Methodist University, the University of South Carolina, the University of Tulsa, and Vanderbilt University.

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## Modern Machinery Spotlighted at Southern Pine Meeting

SAID TO BE the largest of its kind ever held in the world, a multimillion-dollar machinery exposition highlighted the 38th annual meeting of the Southern Pine Assn. in New Orleans, La., April 8-10.

Observers report that well over a million dollars in sales resulted from the display and demonstration of equipment. Machinery used in forests, mills, and re-manufacturing plants was shown. It was shipped to the exposition from 21 states, Germany, Sweden, and England.

"The success of this exposition points up the heightened interest and action by Southern pine manufacturers in mechanizing their mills," commented H. C. Berckes, executive vice-president of SPA. "SPA subscribers have taken giant strides in recent years toward greater mechanical efficiency."

Re-elected for a second term as officers of the Southern Pine Assn. were J. R. Bemis, Prescott, Ark., president; Tom DeWeese, Philadelphia, Miss., first-vice-president; R. D. Crowell, Long Leaf, La., second vice-president; H. C. Berckes, New Orleans, executive vice-president; M. L. Fleishel, Port St. Joe, Fla., treasurer, and S. P. Deas, New Orleans, secretary.

The Southern Pine Industry Committee elected Oswald Lightsey, Miley, S. C., as chairman. Also elected were: Ed Leigh McMillan, Brewton, Ala., vice-chairman for legislation; J. T. Fleishel, St. Louis, Mo., vice-chairman for governmental relations and procurement, and H. C. Berckes, secretary.

J. R. Bemis, in his president's message, told how tightening competition in all fields of business emphasizes the importance of cost-cutting mechanical efficiency in the lumber industry. He said that men and machines — the best of both working together through a strong Southern Pine Assn. — means a better industry, turning out better products at lower costs for the best building nation in the world.

Referring to the recent termination of Federal controls, Bemis said that the problem of self-regulation has been placed "right in our laps. That's what we have always wanted, and that's what we can keep — if we have the will and determination to do so."

Colonel F. E. Ressegieu, district engineer for the Corps of Engineers, St. Louis, Mo., reported that 25,000,000 board feet of Southern pine lumber had been loaded out of Eastern and Gulf ports in recent weeks. "It is anticipated that approximately 70,000,000 board feet will be shipped out of these ports by the end of October," he said.

Industrial radio's place in the

forest industry was the theme of a three-speaker symposium. Participants were A. W. Nelson Jr., Meridian, Miss., chairman of the frequency allocations committee, Southern division, National Forest Industries Communications; Clyde S. Martin, Tacoma, Wash., forestry counsel for the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co., and Elmer Surdam, manager of NFIC, Eugene, Ore.

A forest-fire alarm spread by radio is known to have saved millions of acres of valuable timberlands — not once but many times, Nelson said. Observers equipped with two-way radio can direct fire fighting crews, and the teamwork thus assured means the quickest possible handling of the fire.

But radio. vital as it is in the allimportant task of combatting forest fires, has an equally great role in forest management and all-round administration, the speakers pointed out. As a management tool, it can reduce operating costs and increase efficiency far above existing levels of the ordinary woods operation.

"It was found, for instance, that crews of men travelling back and forth to work in a radio-equipped truck could report their locations by radio each morning and save the time-consuming job of reporting to the office each morning for instructions," explained Nelson.

Two speakers told about "The Na-

AMONG the interesting exhibits of machinery and equipment at the recent annual meeting of the Southern Pine Assn. in New Orleans was this miniature working model of a 39-foot-tall Rees double-wall KD burner. Constructed entirely of stainless steel and plastic, it was built to a linch scale. The burner actually operated with a small blower forcing confetti through the transparent tube into the incinerator to simulate the disposal of wood chips or shavings.

tional Security Industrial Association and National Defense." They were Commodore J. K. Richards, USN retired, executive director of NSIA, New York, N. Y., and Captain P. F. Wakeman, industrial manager and supervisor of shipbuilding, 8th Naval District, New Orleans, La.

A symposium on laminated lumber centered around a discussion of procedure, equipment, and material requirements for laminated lumber. Tom DeWeese, chairman of the Trade Promotion Committee, presided. Moderator was E. F. Steck, sales manager of Bell Machine Company, Oshkosh, Wisc.

The third day of the SPA convention featured talks on mechanical progress in logging and sawmilling.

Newly-elected members of the SPA board include: W. T. Haynie, Bellamy, Ala.; Leon Clancy, Grayson, Ala.; H. W. Maddox, Shreveport, La.; H. L. Manley, Savannah, Ga.; R. H. Rush, McRae, Ga.; L. D. Kellogg, Alexandria, La.; L. R. Foreman, Elizabeth City, N. C.; J. T. Buxton, Sumter, S. C.; Paul F. Hursey, Jasper, Tex.; T. G. Tilford, Nacogdoches, Tex., and Robert H. Evans, Shreveport, La.

A resolution adopted by the group commended Eli Wiener for 29 years' service as chairman of the SPA Transportation Committee. Wiener announced his retirement from the chairmanship.

#### New Movie on Safe Fork-Truck Operation

A new training and safety film for industrial truck operators has been produced by the Clark Equipment Co. Titled "Safety Saves," the 30-minute sound movie was filmed at on-the-job factory and warehouse locations. It dramatically illustrates the "do's and don'ts" of safe driving, and shows the cause of most truck accidents and how to avoid them.

For truck owners who want to reduce accidents and cut damage-to-goods, the new movie will be a valuable training tool. It is the only training film of its kind in existence.

The "villain" of "Safety Saves" is Willie the Cowboy, a lad who drives his fork truck like a hot-rod. Willie doesn't look where he's going, ignores overhead clearance, and parks his truck in the middle of busy aisles.

Along with these horrible examples of how not to handle a fork truck, the movie shows the safe, correct method. "Safety Saves" also contains instructions for operators of towing tractors and hand trucks.

For a reservation form, write the Clark Equipment Co., Industrial Truck Division, Battle Creek, Mich.

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#### PASSING ON CUSTOMERS RIGHT



Emory E. Ruffin, left, introduces Edgar B. Hollis to the new sales representative of the Flintkote Co. in northern Georgia. He is T. W. Cranford, right, former Mississippi sales representative for the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., with headquarters in Hattiesburg. Before that Cranford was with the True-Tagg Paint Co. Hollis is general manager and principal owner of the Hollis Lumber and Supply Co. in Newnan, Ga. Half of his business comes from modernization and repair work. Ruffin has retired from Flintkote, after 23 years of sales service, to operate his own retail building material and hardware stores in Commerce and Royston, Ga.

## Helping Dealers to Make More Roof Sales

By EMORY RUFFIN

MY SERVICES with the Flintkote Co. began in April, 1930, as city salesman in Atlanta for the building materials division. In 1932 I took over the north Georgia territory for the company and two years later won the top prize in a national contest for securing the greatest percentage of new business.

The grand prize in this 1934 contest was an all-expenses-paid trip, for both me and my wife, to all Flintkote offices and factories in the United States, a week in Chicago for the World's Fair, and three days in Washington, D. C.

I have seen the company grow from a small manufacturer of only asphalt products to a leading manufacturer of not only asphalt products but also asbestos and insulating board products.

After being with the company for 23 years, I retired on our pension plan, effective April 1. It is rather hard to resign from a company after such long service, and I will especially miss the friendship of many good customers. It has been my policy to develop a close friendship with all my customers. This has been accomplished by being frank and, whenever possible, by assisting my customers in securing business not only on Flintkote products but also on other merchandise that they handle.

During the past 23 years, I have either made some unusual sales for the dealers or assisted in making them.

One of my customers had endeavored to sell an official of a large manufacturing company new roofing and paint for his home. But the dealer had been unsuccessful, so I suggested that he let me go and offer this prospective customer a monthly finance plan for buying the job. Al-

though this customer was financially able to pay cash for any repairs to his home, he gladly took advantage of the finance plan. Thus, I helped the dealer secure this profitable order.

One rural dealer on whom I had called several times in an effort to sell him the Flintkote line was coming out of his store on my next visit. He explained that he was in a hurry since he had to rush to his farm to doctor a sick mule. I told him that I was from the country and probably could help, so he invited me to go along. We doctored the mule, and I also secured an order for a carload of roofing products.

Another incident comes to mind concerning help to a dealer in selling contractors and homebuyers. This dealer and several others had tried to sell a prominent citizen the roofing for the new home he was erecting, but none had been able to please him as to shingle colors. I called on this man for the dealer and stacked up several face brick, then placed on top of them the particular Flintkote shingle which I thought would blend best with the surroundings and match the color and architecture of his almost

weathered-in house.
"That's just what we wanted!" the owner explained and gave me an order to take back to the dealer. He was able to deliver the roofing that same afternoon.

## **NEWS about MANUFACTURERS**

MARIETTA, GA.: The Dumas Steel Corp. of Pittsburgh opened a new warehouse here April 6. J. W. Clouser is manager. Hot-rolled and cold-rolled sheets, galvanized sheets, and tin mill products comprise the initial stock, to serve small manufacturers in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, the Carolinas, and Mississippi.

ST. LOUIS, MO.: The Precast Slab and Tile Co. has been appointed an exclusive Permalite franchise of the Great Lakes Carbon Corp. In addition to its other precast perlite concrete items, it will produce Permalite products from Alexite perlite ore mined and processed by the Great Lakes firm.

HOUSTON, TEX.: The Ansul Chemical Co. of Marinette, Wis., has opened branch offices here and in Dallas and Tulsa, Okla., to sell and service dry chemical fire extinguishing equipment.

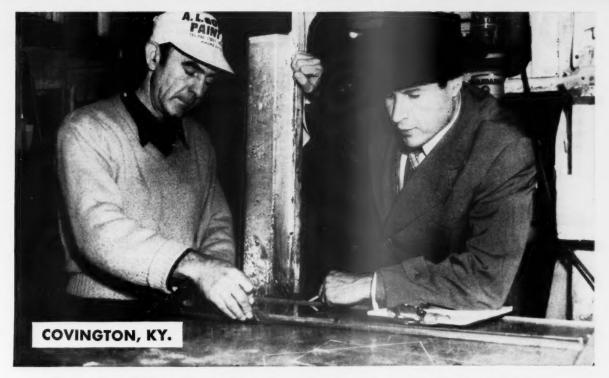
MEMPHIS, TENN.: Henry Disston and Sons, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa.,

manufacturer of saws, tools, and alloy steels, has appointed Don E. Graves as field service engineer in the Southern area for the industrial division. He makes his headquarters in Memphis. He has had over 25 years of experience in Southern mills

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.: Southwest Wholesale Distributors now handle window-type room unit air-conditioners made by the United States Air Conditioning Corp. of Minneapolis. Their territory includes 62 counties in southwest Texas.

MANSFIELD, OHIO: The Westinghouse Electric Appliance Division recently announced two appointments. Frank A. Lowery is now merchandise manager of dishwashers and food waste disposers. W. M. Sayre is merchandise manager of water heaters.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA.: Libbey-Owens-Ford has announced plans to double its textile fiber-glass capacity at the plant here, according to General Manager J. M. Johns. The ex-



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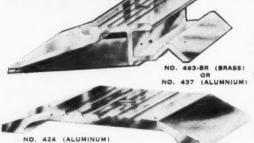


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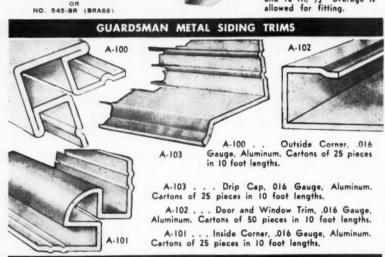
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pansion will be completed within a year.

HOUSTON, TEX.: The Alford Manufacturing Co. recently moved into a new plant. The firm's custombuilt aluminum screens for residential and commercial construction are sold under the name of Amco Products.

RICHMOND, IND.: Richmond Homes, Inc., is building a new plant that is expected to start operating about July 15. The factory area will be increased 20,000 square feet, providing facilities to meet increasing orders.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN.: Joseph J. Lengyel has been appointed manager of marketing for General Electric's construction materials division. He has been with G-E since 1927 and was manager of sales for wiring devices before his recent promotion.

DALLAS, TEX.: The Texas Prefabricated Housing Co. has announced its plans to return to the civilian market. It has built over 100,000 housing units for the government all over the world.

PAWTUCKET, R. I.: The Mar-Rail Conveyor Co. has appointed four new Southern dealers for its Brik-Toter conveyor for bricks and similar materials. They include the Llewellyn Machinery Corp., Miami, to serve southern Florida; Nixon Machinery and Supply Co., Chattanooga, southeastern Tennessee; Freestate Equipment Co., Baltimore, Maryland and Delaware, and Fletcher Equipment and Supplies, Inc., New Orleans, to serve southern Louisiana.

ATLANTA, GA.: The Southeastern district office of the Wood Conversion Co. has been moved from Peachtree St. to 70 Fourth St., N. W.

PITTSBURGH, PA.: The Pittsburgh Corning Corp. has moved its general offices from 307 Fourth Avenue to new quarters at 1 Gateway Center. These offices serve the executive, sales, and accounting divisions.

ROUND ROCK, TEX.: D. L. Pickett, president of the Round Rock White Lime Co., has appointed M. F. Parsons as plant superintendent and engineer. The appointment is part of an expansion program, which will increase production 100 per cent. Parsons formerly was with a lime firm in Canada.

DENVER, COLO.: In its new plant here the Lucky Star Roofing Products Corp. will manufacture a complete line of asphalt roofings and shingles exclusively for the Ruberoid Co. Lucky Star will turn out such products under both the Ruberoid and Old American brands for sale to distributors and dealers in the Rocky Mountain territory.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.: The Cape Fear Block Co. has been incorporat-



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ed. Subscribers include Robert X. Dinkel, Roy Letterman, and A. V. Flock.

FT. WORTH, TEX.: Texas Industries, Inc., producers of concrete and concrete products, recently bought controlling interest in the Fort Worth Sand and Gravel Co., Inc. This brings the total number of its plants to 28.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.: United States Air Conditioning Corporation's airconditioning units are now distributed in the Carolinas by the Clark Distributing Co. W. A. Clark is president of this firm.

DES MOINES, IOWA: Certainteed Products Corp. has opened a new sales district in this area. James N. Williams is sales manager for this territory, which will serve Iowa, Nebraska, and parts of Wisconsin and Illinois.

#### Gets Metal Roof Patent

Receipt of an original U. S. patent on its four-way interlocking principle of aluminum roofing has been announced by the Aluminum-Lock Shingle Corp. of America in Portland, Ore. Pending for nearly five years, the patents were granted to L. J. Korter, owner and inventor of the firm.

The roofing manufacturing firm

celebrated its fifth anniversary last month. Enlarged production lines, storage, and warehousing will increase the Oregon plant's size by 7,000 square feet this summer.

Distributorships for the aluminum lock shingles have recently been established in Texas and Arizona as the company's first expansion into the Southwest.

# Lumber Sales Efforts To Be Intensified

At the recent 42nd annual meeting of the West Coast Lumbermen's Assn. in Portland, Ore., member millmen voted to spend \$570,000 during the next year on national lumber merchandising and promotion. Stepped up in intensity will be sales aids for retail lumber dealers, full-color national magazine advertising, large volume of promotion literature for retailer use, possible television films and radio programs for lumber exploitation.

WCLA members heard Rex Clark, Wilmington, Calif., general manager of Consolidated Lumber Co., urge them to adopt simplified grading rules now under consideration. Clark is building standards chairman of the Southern California Retail Lumber Dealers Assn.

G. E. Karlen, Tacoma, general

manager of Eatonville Lumber Co., was named president of the association. New vice-presidents named are N. B. Giustina, Giustina Bros. Lumber Co., Eugene, and R. M. Ingram, E. C. Miller Cedar Lumber Co., Aberdeen.

Re-elected were Col. W. B. Greeley, vice-president, Seattle; H. V. Simpson, executive vice-president, and Harris E. Smith, secretary.

#### Tabloid for Dealers

"Building Materials Merchandiser" is the name of a new tabloid-style magazine published by the Celotex Corp. for building material dealers. It is planned for quarterly appearance at change of seasonal markets—spring, summer, fall, winter.

In each case of outstanding dealer enterprise, profit-boosting methods are described clearly so that readers may adapt them readily to their own operations. Dealers are informed of newest ideas in advertising and sales promotion. Well-timed suggestions and hints toward increasing volume turnover are offered.

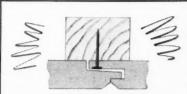
Discussion topics in the first 12page issue include: Do-It-Yourself Market Offers Dealers Billions in Sales; Tool Rentals Boost Sales 30%; Specialty Methods of Selling Roofs; Dealer "Open House" Builds Store Traffic.





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# Hal's HUNCHES New items dealers may find profitable to sell - - or use

SHOWER CABINET. Two new Pilot metal shower stalls are designed to provide low-cost shower cabinets with more quality features. The 30" size lists for \$57.50; the 32" size, \$59.50. Both feature heavy-gauge steel receptors with enamel finish; bonderized, galvanized steel walls: baked-on enamel finish; valves, shower head, soap dish, and heavy plastic shower curtain.

Write for 100. Use coupon, page 85.

BLASTING GUN. The improved model PM-1 Blastcrete gun has a new slide valve for faster loading and a new feed flow control to adjust material flow to any desired amount. It places from one to five cubic yards an hour.

Write for 101. Use coupon, page 85.

WALL TILE TRIM. The Ridge line of plastic wall tile trims has added its 16th trim, called "offset bull nose cap." It measures 6-3/8" by 2-1/8" and is molded in a variety of colors. The trim was developed to meet the needs of tile installers who resurface old cracked or uneven walls prior to placing the tile.

Write for 102. Use coupon, page 85.

LOW-PRICE LOCK. Schlage has resumed manufacture of a low-priced screen, storm, and combination door lock. Made of heavy-gauge aluminum, this sturdy lock effectively serves on even badly-warped doors. This No. G-300 lock is reversible for right- or left-hand doors.

Write for 103. Use coupon, page 85.

PLASTIC TILE CUTTER. The Wen "Quick-Hot" electronic soldering gun can be equipped with a special tip for cutting plastic tile. It easily makes curves, holes, straight lines or diagonals, and angles.

Write for 104. Use coupon, page 85.

'PHONE BOOTH. The Acousti-Booth is a new doorless telephone booth for installation in homes, offices, or commercial places. Made of a soundabsorbing material, it has three sides, a partial "roof," and a "floor" that makes a convenient arm rest for the

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user when the booth is attached to the wall. This "floor" also holds the telephone and note pad. The small box-like unit can be placed on a hall

Write for 105. Use coupon, page 85.

MASONRY FINISH COLORS. American Sta-Dri masonry finishes now come in five new colors Morocco brown, flamingo rose, adobe tan, jonquil yellow, and gulf green. This mineral paint contains a mold and mildew inhibitor.

Write for 106. Use coupon, page 85.

CABINET LAVATORY. The Shirley Coronet is a new cabinet lavatory measuring 34" long and 20" deep. It fits into the average bathroom, usually under a mirror for use as a bathroom vanity. It is white with chrome trim, and features two drawers and storage space for towels and soap.

Write for 107. Use coupon, page 85.

WINDOW OPERATOR. A new dualarm Roto for ventilators in modern panel windows provides both top and bottom ventilation. It is controll-



ed by a single self-locking crank. Pivot hinges and two side-control balance arms eliminate sagging and prevent "chatter" during operation. Write for 108. Use coupon, page 85.

DECORATIVE ACOUSTICAL TILE. Tropi-Tile is a new product that adds beauty to ceilings as well as acoustical insulation. Made of fibrous glass, surfaced with woven-wood, it is available in colors and in 10 different designs. It can be treated to become flame-resistant.

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MECHANICAL HAND WINCH. The new Stampco Handiwinch is a mechanical hand winch with low-gearload capacities up to 10,000 pounds. It is designed for optional use with a 1" electric Skildrill. The crank can be safely left in gear and at a minimum radius provides flywheel action for smooth control in lowering the

Write for 110. Use coupon, page 85.

MASONRY COATING. A new "double waterproofed" product is being used to re-surface porous masonry walls and at the same time combat all degrees of moisture-control problems. This new formula is being used to make Bondex cement paint for dampness control and Bondex Heavy Duty for more serious control difficulties.

Write for 111. Use coupon, page 85.

LOW-PRICED BRUSHES. In celebration of 10 years of successful manufacturing, Colonial paint brushes are being offered in a special carton at "below factory cost" for a limited time. The carton contains a dozen each of the 3", 31/2", and 4" sizes of these pure bristle wall brushes.

Write for 112. Use coupon, page 85.

MASONRY COATING. A new Bakelite polystyrene latex coating leaves a moisture-resistant and decorative surface on interior masonry walls. Called Styrox, it resists soap, alkali, acid, chemical fumes, dirt, and abrasion. It can also be used on any painted metal surface free of corrosion and scale. It comes in white. cream, sand buff, three shades of gray, sea green, flamingo pink, and sun vellow.

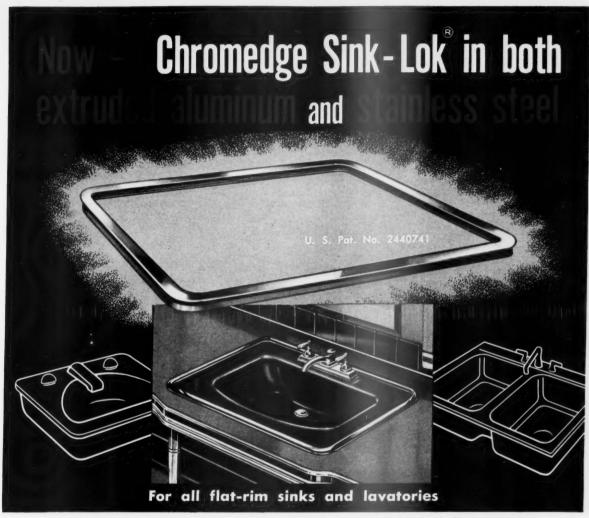
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STEEL COATING. Steelast is a new stainless steel coating produced in black, white, gray, ivory, green, redorange, and yellow. It can be sprayed, brushed, or dipped. It is said to withstand wet heat up to 180 degrees F and dry heat up to 300 degrees F.

Write for 114. Use coupon, page 85.

FLUSH DOORS. A new line of "economy priced" flush doors is being imported by an American firm from Bruynzeel of Holland. These doors feature a unique fiber core throughout the inside frame for greater stability and resistance to warping. Other features are Occume mahogany veneers, water-resistant resin glue bonding, matching mahogany edge strips or white pine

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# HELPFUL LITERATURE Mostly free—some for a fee

FLUSH DOORS. IPIK solid-core flush doors and their various functional advantages are described in a new specification folder. IPIK Plywood Co., Kenner, La.

POWER SAW USES. The Skil Corp., 5033 Elston Avenue, Chicago 30, Ill., has published a new manual on cut-

ting applications with a portable power saw. Called "SKIL Saw Problem Solver," it lists 30 materials and the best method of cutting each.

REDUCE PLASTER CRACKS. Technical bulletin No. 4 tells how cornerite or stripite diamond-shaped steel mesh can be placed at corners or

other critical spots to prevent plaster cracks as a house settles. Bulletin gives specifications and shows application methods. Metal Lath Manufacturers Association, Engineers Building, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

HOUSE CLEANING. A new booklet, "112 Easy Ways to Chase Dirt," tells how to wash everything from woodwork to household "zoos." It makes a good reference for advice to customers for care of materials. Cleanliness Bureau, Association of American Soap and Glycerine Producers, Inc., 295 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

CORRUGATED ROOFING, SIDING. Careystone corrugated asbestos-cement roofing and siding is covered in a new manual that contains numerous drawings and photographs showing exact methods of application. It also describes Carey estimating services for dealers. Fifty cents from the Philip Carey Manufacturing Co., Cincinnati 15, Ohio.

RETAILING AIDS. The University of Illinois, Office of Publication, 358 Administration Building, Urbana, Ill., has published its business management service bulletin No. 5, "The Retail Merchandising Bookshelf." This publication is an annotated bibliography of books published in the retailing field from 1945 through 1952.

SCREEN DOOR GRILLES. A new folder for customer distribution shows designs of new ornamental iron screen-door grilles. Each model is priced. Adjustable feature is explained. R. G. Coffman Co., Inc., Orlando, Fla.

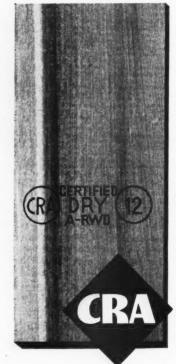
WOOD PRESERVATION. The "Handyman's Guide to Home Wood Preservation" tells the home-owner how to preserve boats, lawn furniture, fence posts, and other items he might make or repair. It shows parts of the house that should be treated with "Penta" preservatives. Dow Chemical Co., Midland, Mich.

**KEY-IN-KNOB LOCKSET.** The new Pacemaker pre-assembled "Shelton" key-in-knob lockset is described in a new folder. It gives specifications on mechanical features and explains simplified installation. Harloc Products Corp., New Haven, Conn.

STEEL FRAMING for residential construction is described in a new catalog, No. SS-1. It covers Lightsteel sections for all applications and gives framing details for doors, windows, roofs, and clear spans. Penn Metal Co., Inc., 205 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y.

ALUMINUM HARDWARE. A new brochure describes the new Yale line of anodized aluminum hardware for schools, hospitals, and other institutional and commercial uses. It covers locksets, auxiliary mortise locks, door pulls, door stops, door holders,





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ADJUSTABLE STEEL FRAMING. Catalog No. 153 gives initial basic information on Flexa steel channels and fittings, including drawings and engineering data. Flexa Steel Products, Inc., 1348-50 West Washington Boulevard, Chicago 7, Ill.

MILDEW PROTECTION. A new bulletin tells how Monsanto products protect paints and painted surfaces against mildew and mold. It covers protection of water-base paints, latex and other emulsion paints, and natural and synthetic oil paints. Monsanto Chemical Co., Organic Chemicals Division, St. Louis 4, Mo.

BUILDING MATERIALS DIS-PLAYS. A new mailing piece shows Multiplex fixtures to facilitate displaying building materials. It covers fixtures for doors, wall paneling, roofing, moldings, tile, paint chips, brushes, wallpaper, and island displays for other materials. Multiplex Display Fixture Co., 910 North Tenth Street, St. Louis 1, Mo.

LUMBER DIRECTORY. The West Coast Lumbermen's Association, 1410 S. W. Morrison Street, Portland 5, Ore., has released its 1953 "Where to Buy" booklet on Douglas fir, west coast hemlock, sitka spruce, and Western red cedar. It shows capacity, facilities, and products made by its members.

FORESTRY ADS. The American Forest Products Industries, Inc., 1816 N Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C., offers free advertising mats that stress forestry protection and forestire prevention. Space is left for inserting the dealer's name. Ads range from two to four columns in width.

HOUSE PAINT FACTS. "House Paints and Common Sense" tells the consumer things he should know about the right kinds of paint for various purposes and various ways to make his paint job last longer. Helpful for customer guidance. New Jersey Zinc Co., 160 Front Street, New York 7, N. Y.

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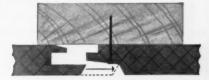
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# HOO-HOO LOG

HOUSTON, TEX.: Houston Cats will hold their annual golf tournament May 21 at the Texico Country Club. The tournament will start at 10:29 in the morning and will end with a cocktail party and barbecue dinner.

MIAMI BEACH, FLA.: One of the biggest concats staged anywhere recently was the one held April 16 in conjunction with the annual convention of Florida retail dealers. A prominent degree team gave 55 Kittens "the works."

AUGUSTA, GA.: Seventeen lumbermen were initiated into Hoo-Hoo at a concat here on April 1 during the Georgia dealer convention. The degree team included State Deputy Snark Oertell Collins, Savannah; Dick Wand, Florida state deputy snark, and Tom Wait, of Tampa.

GALVESTON, TEX.: Sixteen Kittens were processed at a concat held here on April 20 as part of the Texas lumber dealer convention. Present were Snark of the Universe Arthur Geiger, of Tacoma, Wash.; Interna-

tional Secretary Ben Springer, and International Past-President Lynn Boyd, Rameses 43, of Pampa, Tex. Amarillo's Horace Scott and John Huffhines spearheaded the concat and arranged the popular stag party that followed.

TAMPA, FLA.: Fourteen Kittens were initiated by Hoo-Hoo Club No. 56 here on April 6 in presence of about 50 Cats. Ben Jones was in charge of the concatenation. A steak dinner was enjoyed by all following the impressive ceremonies.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.: Cats who were initiated at the February 13 meeting of Club No. 64 were honored at the meeting in the club's rooms on April 1. Movies were enjoyed following the business session.

#### Whitten Heads New Hoo-Hoo Club in Knoxville

R. H. (Bob) Whitten was elected first president of the Hoo-Hoo Club that was organized in Knoxville, Tenn., April 13. He is vice-president of the Chavannes Lumber Co.

Other officers of the new Knoxville club include: vice-president, Donald Mirts, Dealers Warehouse Corp.; secretary, R. O. Brownlee, manager, Tennessee Building Material Assn.; treasurer, Newton T. Barnes, Cockrum Lumber Co.

Elected members of the board of directors were Robert Anderson, Diamond Hill Plywood Co.; Hobart Johnson, Chandler & Co.; Malcolm Miller, lumber wholesaler; Fred R. Stair, Farragut Lumber Co., and Carl W. Justice, U. S. Plywood Corp.

Thirty-one of the 34 "local" men who were initiated into Hoo-Hoo in Gatlinburg during the Tennessee dealer convention were present at the club organization meeting.

Justice has been appointed vicegerent snark for the Knoxville area. Whitten, Stair, and Miller are all old-timers—pre-war Cats.

# Weyerhaeuser Wins U. S. Advertising Award

Competing with more than 200 advertising campaigns, the full-color advertisement of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. depicting Pacific Northwest tree farms won fourth place in the first annual awards for distinguished advertising in the public interest under the auspices of the Saturday Review of Literature magazine.

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# ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

## Texans Challenged with Political and Management Tasks

THE NEEDS for building material dealers to be more politically conscious and to be more conscientious in managing personnel were clarified and analyzed in a new type program at the 67th annual convention of the Lumbermen's Assn. of Texas in Galveston, April 19-21.

A trio of specialists from Southern Methodist University covered personnel management. Governor Allan Shivers and a civic-minded dealer from Kentucky presented the politi-

cal challenge.

More than 3,000 persons attended the three-day meeting and milled through the Pleasure Pier displays

of 141 exhibitors.

As the conventioneers read the three daily issues of "Convention Chatter," published by the Kelley Mfg. Co. with Tom Rogers as editor, they were mindful of the misfortune of Dick Dumit. This former friendly editor must spend his life in an iron lung due to contraction last summer of three kinds of polio. A special fund is being collected for Dick by a committee headed by Lynn Boyd, of Pampa.

Boyd was the recipient of a 30-minute surprise presentation by W. B. (Windy) Oldham, in behalf of the association, of a complete outdoor dining hospitality outfit—from barbecue grill to redwood benches and cutlery. Boyd's leadership of the

Texas and national associations, Hoo-Hoo International, and Pampa civic and commercial groups for 25 years was extolled by Oldham, who gave due credit to Mrs. Boyd for her sacrifices and assistance. Oldham estimated that Boyd had traveled some 200,000 miles on lumber-industry missions for an out-of-pocket expense of \$25,000.

Incisive speeches both morning and afternoon by two SMU officials, along with a case-study demonstration by SMU's C. H. Shumaker, laid the groundwork for a capsule form of a Top Management Seminar forum Tuesday afternoon. LAT's Executive Officer Gene Ebersole

served as moderator.

Dr. Willis Tate, vice-president of SMU and a sociologist, explained "The Effect of Culture on Human Relations" and "The Power of Social Attitudes." Dr. A. Q. Sartain, SMU's personnel administration department chairman and a psychologist, discussed "Leadership of Workers in a Democratic Society" and "Gaining the Cooperation of Workers."

Both they and Shumaker, who directs SMU institute of building material distribution, justified these concepts of employer-employee rela-

tions:

Paternalism is out. The greater knowledge of today's workers, due to travel, education, and exposure to television, radio, movies, etc., makes them require and deserve more intelligent and democratic handling.

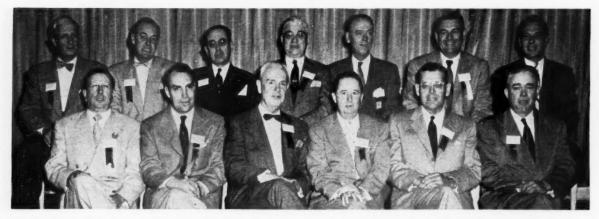
Job significance must be made more important. The routine of many jobs, the larger size of staffs, the regimentation of unionism or its proximity, these make it necessary to develop the interest of employees in their jobs, their contribution to society, their opportunity for advancement.

Employers must gain and keep the confidence of employees. This means employers must share more internal information with employees; must welcome their ideas and air their grievances; and must appreciate their backgrounds, home circumstances, and outside interests.

For his speech on "The Will to Fight," Texas Governor Shivers was escorted to the platform through a packed Marine Room by 12 lumbermen who are mayors of their Texas cities and by two LAT vice-presidents. He was introduced by J. Lee Johnson Jr., of Fort Worth.

Shivers declared that "state and Federal taxes are too high. I doubt whether we can afford any additional taxes. I am fighting for a balanced budget. Business hasn't a chance as long as government budgets aren't balanced.

"You businessmen must demand responsiveness and responsibility



NEW OFFICERS and national association representatives of the Lumbermen's Assn. of Texas are seen following their election in Galveston on April 20.

The front row includes, from left, A. E. McCain, of Tyler; W. B. Carssow, of Austin; W. H. Curry, of Waco; John Armstrong, of San Angelo; Harvy Richards, of New Braunfels, and C. R. Delhomme, of Houston, McCain is sergeant-at-arms. Carssow is third vice-president. Armstrong is the new president. Richards is first vice-president. Delhomme is treasurer.

Those standing, from left, are Gene Ebersole, of Hous-

ton; W. B. Oldham, of Dallas; Warren F. Keys, of Marshall; H. L. Stokely, of Brownsville; W. B. Milstead, of Houston; Gene Klein, of Amarillo, and Vincent Ogletree, of Houston. Ebersole is the executive vice-president. He, Oldham, and Milstead are directors in NRLDA. Stokely is the Texas district member of the NRLDA Executive Committee. Past-President Keys, Klein, Richards, and Armstrong are alternate dealer-directors in NRLDA.

Roy Gaither, of Waco, is the fourth NRLDA dealerdirector. Jack Dionne, of Houston, is LAT honorary secretary.



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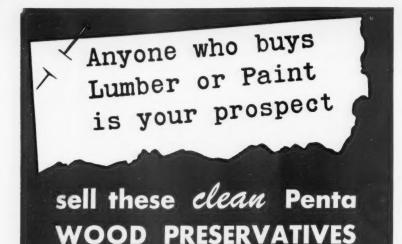
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Mayor of Lebanon, Ky., and long a leader in both the national and Kentucky dealer associations, Don Campbell challenged the Texans with "The Obligations of Citizenship." He commended the fact that "12 per cent of the residents of Texas are governed by lumbermen who serve as mayors or in other capacities. Said Campbell:

"Business leaders must learn what good politicians instinctively know—that how a thing is done and how it is presented is equally as important as what is done, and businessmen must realize that politics is all the people's business.

"We must be unselfish in our demands; generous in our cooperation. This administration must not fail, because if it does, that failure will be tarred with the epithet that it was a business government, and what we have experienced in the last 20 years will seem to be a mild tea party in comparison to what we will get.

"But how many times have I heard businessmen say: Politics is out of my line. I am not a politician; I am a businessman.

"Civic club members say our charter does not allow us to take an interest in politics; we are strictly a service club. And I keep asking myself, 'Service for whom?' Certainly not to ourselves when we ignore the problems which face our community and our nation; certainly not to our business if we ignore is sues which may eventually vitally affect us; certainly not to our fami-

that touch our everyday life.

"Such ignorance can be espoused only by the indifferent. If a man can not—or will not—carry the responsibility of his citizenship, he has no right to be a leader in his community or in his industry.

lies if we shut our eyes to problems

"Citizenship is a sacred trust, and we have no right to the privileges of it unless we assume the responsibilities that go with it. We have no rights if we choose to be too good to take an interest in government, too indifferent to promote good administration. Government by the people is a reality only when its citizens have more political courage than the paid servants of government.

"We must do more than teach our youth to recite the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. A parrot could do that. We need to teach them the meaning of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, what it cost this nation in the sweat and blood of our forefathers to preserve it intact as a heritage to hand down. We must instill the seeds of good citizenship in those who are to follow us."











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BUDGETAIRE PAINTCOTE— 5/16" insulating board. Licorice root fibres. Factory painted one side. 48" wide ... 6 to 12 ft. Bundles of 10.

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# Productive Sales Methods Described to Florida Dealers by Virginian

FIVE WAYS to build sales and do a better job of "Keeping Up with Growing Communities" were detailed for Florida dealers by Craige Ruffin, vice-president of Ruffin and Payne, Inc., retailers in Richmond, Va., at the 33rd annual convention of the Florida Lumber and Millwork Assn. Held at Miami Beach, April 16-18, the attendance of some 550 persons for the gathering set a new record.

The basic sales activities used by the Ruffin firm include these:

"1. We advertise regularly every week in the newspapers. The results of running piece-pricing ads have been very gratifying, with an increase of floor traffic."

"2. We send out monthly syndicated magazines to both home-owners and farmers, and hand out a variety of souvenir advertising items."

"3. We attempt to keep in good with our local newspaper men. Until we began this, several years ago, it was tough for us to get any kind of news items into our local papers. Since then a newspaper friend has given publication to every Minute Man release that has come from the national association."

"4. We consider good housekeeping important. We keep a clean office, attractive showrooms, clean yards and warehouses."

"5. Not to overlook any possibilities of completing a sale, we have a follow-up system for our salesmen to handle on their prospects. Each salesman makes out his own prospect slip, which is recorded on the master sheet of the sales manager."

Describing the training that his employees must have, Ruffin asserted that they "should know their products, know as many customers as possible, know competitors, know their products and what they can do for the customer, and know suppliers."

Speaking on "Dollars and Sense of

Lumber Dealer Advertising," Phil Creden said the fundamentals of management are to have the merchandise and to be able to service it. Advertising manager of the Edward Hines Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill., Creden listed "trained personnel, good point-of-sale displays, and a broad advertising campaign" as ways to keep volume up.

T. W. Ramsey, Jr., Tampa lumber dealer, described the use of lumber in atomic bomb shelters. He said that, although most people think in terms of iron and steel when they consider bomb shelters, wood is an excellent material and not on the critical list. He expressed the belief that we not only are headed for another war, but that it will definitely be fought with atomic bombs.

He described a shelter designed to protect a family from blast, flash, and radiation hazards, built to accommodate as many people as the owner would desire, up to 1,000. The atomic bomb shelter is "designed around two principles — the great strength of end-grain timber used in short spans, and the rounded shape. The shelter is placed in the ground as far as the water level will permit."

The Florida association voted to have a wooden shelter of this type tested at Yucca Flat. To accomplish the mission, new President B. Frank Edwards appointed a committee consisting of Ramsey as chairman, Krauss Brothers' John Dolcater, and Retailer Asher Culp.

During an open forum on "Marketing and Merchandising," with American Lumberman's Arthur A. Hood serving as moderator, J. H. Adkisson, of the Florida FHA office, admitted that mortgage money was tight in most places at 4 per cent.

Lucien Renuart, a Miami dealer, said his company was keeping up net profit by promoting more packageddeal selling for residential building.

H. R. Northup, executive vicepresident of the National Retail



CRAIGE RUFFIN

Lumber Dealers Assn., Washington, commented that many agencies in Washington are working for higher interest rates to increase the amount of mortgage money available to stimulate more building.

Dr. J. Frank Goodwin, marketing professor at the University of Florida, made some serious points on better merchandising in a light way at the Friday luncheon.

His topic was "The Egocentric Predicament." To help businessmen understand that they would be more successful if they tried continuously to see the other fellow's point of view, Goodwin entertained the Floridians with a series of down-to-earth, humorous stories illustrating the basic points of getting along with customers and employees.

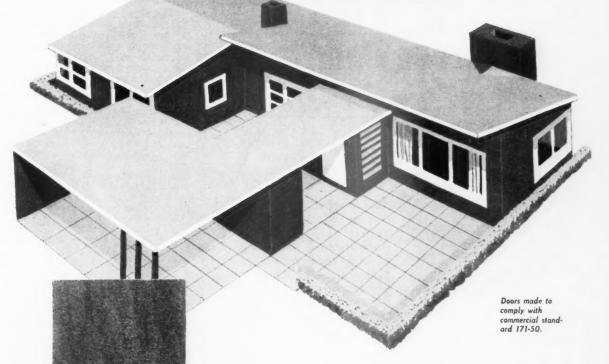
New directors elected are A. E. Thornton, Tallahassee; W. R. Thompson, Jacksonville; R. K. Gregory, Deland; Charles Lunsford, Delray Beach; Edward Simpson, Fort Myers; D. H. Corneal, Auburndale; H. Gray Eckles, St. Petersburg, and George Pasteur Jr., Ocala.

Associate directors include M. D. Ebert, Fort Lauderdale, representing manufacturers; J. E. Crosby, Jacksonville, wholesalers, and I. W. Phillips, Tampa, jobbers.



NEW OFFICERS of the Florida Lumber and Millwork Assn. are seen at left, following their election in Miami Beach last month. Left to right, they include Dewitt Dawkins, Jacksonville, second vice-president; B. Frank Edwards, Tampa, president; Mrs. Marie Bennett, Orlando, secretary-treasurer; and R. C. Tylander, West Palm Beach, first v-p. Next convention will be in Jacksonville.

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**SOUTHERN** Sash and Door Jobbers Assn.: June 1-3, Olympic Hotel, Seattle, Wash.

**ALABAMA** Building Material Exchange: June 12-13, Panama City, Fla., Deep-sea fishing rodeo.

**OKLAHOMA** Lumbermen's Assn.: October 20-21, Municipal Auditorium, Oklahoma City.

# Sweet Tells Arkansans of 20 Ways to Win and Hold Contractors

TWENTY different factors that influence contractors to buy from a favored dealer received such enthusiastic reception at the 49th convention of the Arkansas Assn. of Lumber Dealers, the program was multigraphed and sent to all members. The 20-point program for attracting volume from contractors was the basis of a talk by Bob Sweet, of R. L. Sweet Lumber Co., Kansas City, Mo.

The meeting was held April 8 and 9 in Little Rock, Ark., at the Marion Hotel. Consisting of talks, a doughnut-dunking party, and a banquet, it attracted 334 dealers, suppliers, and guests.

Because the contractor is a repeat customer and a quantity buyer, the dealer can afford to devote time and effort to him, Sweet said. His 20points include:

1. Advertising.

Convenient location, with parking space for contractors' vehicles, and a special office or desk to serve contractors only.

3. Variety of stock, which is more important in serving contractors than a four-time turnover. (Good stock records and frequent buying prevent overloading on certain items.)

4. All grades of lumber. The customer should be the judge of the quality he wants, and the dealer should supply good, better, and best grades.

5. Delivery service. The dealer should supply his own delivery or contract hauling, with special delivery service for contractors.

6. Plan service.

7. Financing service.

8. Real-estate service. More lumber is sold by the dealer who helps contractors and speculative builders to find building sites. He recommended that the small dealer keep lists of available sites as a service to contractors.

Sales assistance. This covers passing leads on to contractors and helping him sell his services.

Things not to do in relationship with contractors included not standardizing prices for all contractors; not taking undue credit risks; not protesting the contractor who buys part of his needs elsewhere; not letting stocks run low.

T. Arthur Holt, retiring president, recommended special training for sales personnel. He explained how his wallpaper department had operated at a loss until he trained the woman bookkeeper to sell wallpaper.

Discreet use of the lien law was discussed by E. DeMatt Henderson, secretary of the association, who related how the efforts of Arkansas lumbermen had succeeded in blocking the passage of a bill by the Arkansas State Legislature, which would have changed the law to the disadvantage of dealers.

"The power behind national legislation comes from the people at home." John H. Else, national affairs counselor of the National Retail Lumber Dealer Assn., thus urged his audience to keep in touch with their representatives at Washington, D. C. for the benefit of their industry.

A manpower shortage was dis-

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Builders, home-owners, industrialists . . . anyone who paints will want this revolutionary new plywood because it is specially designed to make painting faster and easier than ever before.

GPX GREEN is check-free and crack-free, reduces grain raise, requires less paint and makes it last up to 3 times longer than other materials. It's made from top-grade, solid-core Douglas Fir plywood surfaced with a phenolic resin plastic overlay that produces the smoothest painting surface obtainable—so smooth that sanding is never required. Tell all your customers about these outstanding features. But first, call your G-P warehouse and stock up with profit-making GPX GREEN.

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GPX Plastic-faced plywood • G-P Crownply hardwood plywood • G-P WedgeWood decorative paneling G-P Plysheet Southern plywood • Douglas Fir Plywood Giant-sized Scarfed panels • Fir pattern Doors • Hardwood Flush Doors • Cypress and Redwood Lumber Southern pine • Western lumber • Southern hardwood lumber • Treated lumber and timbers • Residential and factory flooring • Mouldings



Southern Finance Building Augusta, Georgia Call 2-8383 cussed by Allan T. Flint, secretary of the Southwestern Lumbermen's Assn. The average age of employees in the industry is considerably above other fields, he pointed out. A training program for younger men was urged to bring the young trainee up fast to the point where he can earn an adequate income.

Phil Creden, public relations manager of the Edward Hines Lumber Co., Chicago, Ill., said that smaller families and the lack of domestic servants created the trend to small

Urging that service be stressed in sales and advertising, Creden declared that the average dealer could list 30 services which he performs every day. He deplored the fact that many modern dealers, with handsome new stores, deem it necessary to good merchandising to add new gadgets to stock.

"Profits are in lumber and building materials-not in flashlights and other lines foreign to the lumber yard. Don't clutter up materials salesmanship with diversified lines. The dealer who does good merchandising on building materials does not need to add lines that yield less profit and require specialized sell-

ing." Creden criticised the trend that promotes the "do-it-yourself" program. Do not antagonize carpenters, he urged. He recommended that in advertisements prices be quoted for a room, a porch, or a closet, rather

than for materials.

Elected new officers of the Arkansas Assn. of Lumber Dealers are Byron P. Howlett, Monticello, president; Robert Stair, Little Rock, first vice-president; Frank Moore, New Port, second vice-president; Peter Heigel, Conway, third vice-president; E. DeMatt Henderson, Little Rock, secretary, and A. C. Davidson, Little Rock, treasurer.

Directors include John Paul Hammerschmidt, Harrison; Lara Hutt, Pine Bluff: Bill Comer, Eldorado, and Norman Mallory, Little Rock.

**Political Emancipation and Freedom** Analyzed at Georgia Meet by Sensing

WITH THE TOTAL Democratic vote only 6 per cent greater than the Republican vote in the last presidential election in 11 states, and with four of the states going Republican, the South is no longer solid but a site for two political parties, Thurman Sensing told a luncheon audience at the 28th annual convention of the Building Material Merchants of Georgia in Augusta on March 31.

"The South will no longer vote any ticket blindly, but will look at the issues and recognize the twoparty system as an economic necessity," the executive vice-president of the Southern States Industrial Council from Nashville, Tenn., told the

Georgia dealers and their suppliers.

Speaking on the topic, "Freedom

with a Southern Accent," Sensing said that freedom can't be divided into parts. "You either have it or you don't have it.

"The individual is finally respon-

Fishing Rodeo Set

The 23rd annual deep-sea fishing rodeo for Alabama lumber and building supply dealers will be held at Panama City, Fla., June 12-13, according to "Commodore" W. Thornton Estes, president of the Alabama Building Material Exchange.

June is considered the best summer month for fishing in this area by the veteran fishing-boat skippers.

Reservations for rooms in the Dixie Sherman and Cove hotels, and for participation in the two daily fishing trips, must be made through the ABME office at 519 Stallings Building, Birmingham 3, Ala. The registration fee is \$25 per person. Reservations can not be canceled for refunds after June 1.

sible for his own security and freedom. Our national trouble is that we pay too much attention to things and not enough to people; we give too much attention to acquisition of knowledge and not enough to wis-

"The solution for each of us is to get full information on each issue; do our own thinking, and arrive at our own conclusions.

The services and activities of the National Retail Lumber Dealers Assn. were explained vividly by Henry J. Munnerlyn, of Bennettsville, S. C., its president. He described sales promotional and public relations methods of his firm, and then he urged the Georgians to go in for packaged selling.

Packaged selling, home financing, and distribution were principal topics discussed in panel sessions moderated by Counselor J. G. Rowell. Besides those pictured on page 72, the panel participants included Munnerlyn; Gates Ferguson, Celotex advertising director; Charles H. Taylor, Georgia Tech industrial course coordinator, and Charles W. Peek Jr., Cedartown dealer.

Peek urged the dealers to study and carefully learn the procedure for making FHA-insured home loans, and then to see that all factors function promptly in closing such a contract.

Questions and comments on distribution problems revealed accord on the time-proved economy of distribution from manufacturer to wholesaler-jobber, to retailer of building materials.

A past-president of the Florida Lumber and Millwork Assn., Panama City's Forace Holland told how satisfactory Florida dealers had found their Workmen's Compensation Self-Insurors Fund. A committee was appointed to study the practicality of such a fund for Georgia dealers.

A new collection service, to be operated by the Georgia association, was explained by Jack Erickson, manager of the Lumber Credit Protective Service, Minneapolis, Minn.

Support of the National Association of Lumber Women was invited by Miss Pauline Richers, president of the Atlanta chapter and secretary to an Atlanta lumber dealer.

Leo Aikman, Atlanta Constitution columnist, loosened up the convention crowd with a chain of jokes at the opening banquet. Dancing fol-

In appreciation of his services as president of the Building Material Merchants of Georgia, F. E. Adams was presented an imprinted pen and pencil set by Charles H. Girardeau. past-president from Atlanta.

BYRON P. HOWLETT, of Monticello, right, is the new president of the Arkansas Assn. of Lumber Dealers. Congratulating him is T. Arthur Holt, of Marked Tree, whom he succeeded. Holt presented as dinner entertainment the Marked Tree Girls Ensemble. Convention speakers included Gene Flack, sales director for Sunshine Biscuits.





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PARTICIPATING in the panel discussions of industry problems at the annual meeting of the Georgia Building Material Merchants were the men in bottom photo. Seated, from left, are Dave C. Schaefer, vice-president of Central Woodwork, Inc., Atlanta; E. S. Egge, Birmingham, Ala., branch manager of allied Building Credits, Inc., and Forace Holland, Panama City, Fla., lumber dealer. Standing are Ed R. Stainback, S. E. division sales manager for the U. S. Gypsum Co., and Joseph G. Rowell, Georgia dealer counselor and moderator of the panel.

New officers and directors of the Georgia association are seen in the top picture. Seated, from left, are the new president, W. O. McNair of Macon; vice-president, A. S. Johnson of Albany; treasurer, James H. Flowers of College Park; past-president, F. E. Adams of Milledgeville. Standing are Counselor J. G. Rowell, Atlanta; NRLDA dealer-director Oertell Collins, Savannah, and three directors: Cleon Smith, Decatur; W. R. Turner, Cordele, and Don G. Maffett, Atlanta.







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#### Conn Heads Missourians

Charles Conn, Sikeston, was chosen president of the Missouri Retail Lumber Dealers Assn. at a March 29 meeting. John Strum, St. James, is vice-president; Floyd Buckner, Flat River, Jewel Marsh, St. Louis, and Paul Moreau, Ste. Genevieve, directors.

W. T. Nethery, Hayti, is serving his 27th year as secretary-treasurer of the association.

#### **Dodge Introduces New Home Planning Kit**

When a family builds a house for its own occupancy, the family makes decisions involving a lot of money in such things as heating, air-conditioning, plumbing, floorings, and a long list of other items. "But to sell them, you have to reach that particular family at just the right time; and it's only a short period," says the F. W. Dodge Corp. in announcing its new "Planning Kit for Our New Home."

It will be sent free to families in the 37 Eastern states who plan to build their own homes, of \$8,000 minimum valuation for the house

alone, without the ground. Dodge's news staff which blankets the 37 states in construction news, will be the source of the names.

As soon as a qualified name shows up in the Dodge Reports, the kit is sent from Chicago. The kit will contain sales literature of firms who wish to sell that kind of prospect. Service will start about July 1 and kits will be sent every business day after that as new names come in.

#### **Heating Course Offered**

The University of Illinois, Urbana, will offer its seventh course in Hot Water and Steam Heating Systems, June 15-18.

The course will consist of a combination of classroom work and lectures as a means of presenting the latest information. The Institute of Boiler and Radiator Manufacturers co-sponsors the course.

#### Collects Own Insurance

The 100 living descendants of Frank Goetzmann are just out of luck - he has collected his own life insurance.

This 95-year-old retired lumber

dealer of Picayune, Miss., recently collected \$1,114 on a life insurance policy he took out on himself 63 years ago, after outliving the mortality table.

Besides his four great-great grandchildren, Goetzmann now centers his interests on gardening activities.

#### Lease Plan for Lift Trucks Instituted

A nation-wide plan which permits users to lease industrial lift and fork trucks and allied equipment rather than buying them has been announced jointly by the Philadelphia Division of the Yale and Towne Manufacturing Co., and C.I.T. Corp., the industrial financing subsidiary of C.I.T. Financial Corp.

The new plan enables factories, warehouses, railroads, and others to obtain Yale materials handling equipment by paying monthly rentals as the machines are used.

The sponsoring organizations explained that the leasing plan will help many enterprises meet their expanding production and service requirements while avoiding the substantial capital investment required to purchase materials handling equipment.

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Made of full weight, square yard base duck. Lettered in any one color, bound up both sides. Double stitched neck band prevents rolling. Flared pockets, bar tacked at all points of strain, SHIPPED PREPAID.

	50	100	250	500	1M
9.93 Oz. White	.48	.43	.42	.41	.40
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Orange or Khaki (Specify)	.54	.49	.47	.46	.45

No. 112-0 8" x 18"



Same material as No. 111-0. Bound and double stitched waist band across top. Flared pockets, bar tacked at all points of strain. SHIPPED PREPAID.

	50	100	250	500	1M
9.93 Oz. White	32	.27	.26	.25	.24
8.69 Oz. White	30	.25	.24	.23	.22
Orange or Khaki (Specify)	.36	.31	.30	.29	.28



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#### CEMENT OR LEG APRON

29" wide, 34" long. Metal fasteners on leg bands. Large pockets as illustrated. No charge for imprinting if ordered in lots of 50 or more or with No. 111-0 nail aprons and the same copy used. Otherwise, add \$2.50 for imprinting any quantity. For longer length add 2c per inch on white, 3c per inch on waterproof.

9.93 oz. White duck 12.41 oz. Khaki waterproof

No. 118-0

#### YARD APRON

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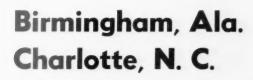


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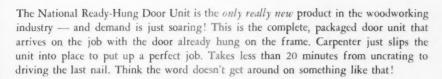


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#### DYNAMIC BUSINESS

(From page 31)

Steeply progressive taxes on personal incomes present another problem. Since the war they have been raised to confiscatory levels which dry up the sources of capital for new business. These high rates also stand in the way of recruiting young people capable of assuming top business leadership in the future.

Business management must compete with government, education, the armed forces, and the arts and professions for its new blood. These other careers offer intangible attractions such as personal prestige, public notice and power, more leisure and independence, and humane or scientific accomplishment. Business management is largely anonymous—a team effort with few featured performers — and its most important reward for work and worry is financial.

While crushing taxation in the upper middle brackets has little effect upon the rates which those at lower levels must pay, it has riddled the financial incentive which is all business can offer to its future executives. As taxes eat away at incentive, so more of our able young people will seek other fields, and fewer of those who are with us will be urged on to those extra efforts that are the difference between success and mediocrity. And business will be that much less able to fulfill its responsibilities to the nation.

There is another field for concern. While there must be rules for the conduct of business, just as in any other human activity, the laws as administered during recent administrations seem complex and often contradictory. A company which engages in aggressive competition, as directed by one statute, finds itself in trouble under another precisely because of its competitive vigor. Management spends both time and money better devoted to other ends in litigation and effort attempting to discover which business practices are permitted and which are not.

Our expanding economy also has encountered in government the curious theory that anything in business which is big is necessarily bad. Function should govern size. We use a spoon to lift sugar into our coffee, but if we want to move a coal pile, we look for a steam shovel. It is interesting to note that so does the government.

The critics of our business system have enlisted public support by cultivating the notion that government can and should guarantee security for everyone. We must always remember that a government produces nothing. It is only when wealth exists that it is possible to consider its redistribution. The idea of security as an obligation of the state can exist only in a country that has through generations of adherence to the opposite point of view, produced a great abundance of goods and services.

Businessmen have an important role to play if they are to preserve and improve this system which has

brought abundance to our people. They must, first of all, be conscious of their own responsibilities. The search for new and better products, for greater economy and efficiency in manufacturing, for wider areas of distribution, must be diligent. Progress halts when we are content with what we have.

It is also essential for business to observe its own fundamental rules. In a free economy, the rewards of invention and efficiency must be shared among owners, workers, and buyers. Short-sightedness or greed, as reflected by the insistence of any of these groups to profit at the expense of, rather than along with, others, can be disastrous. Far more beneficial is cooperation and mutual understanding.

Businessmen are busy, as the name implies. But too often in the past they have been so wrapped up in their own problems, so intent upon business affairs as to give the impression that they lack interest in the general welfare. Their critics have exploited the tendency of business groups to take a negative approach toward questions of widespread public interest. Surely the ingenuity which conceived mass production and accomplished atomic fission is capable of offering responsible alternatives to unsound schemes.

It is equally important for business to emerge from its shell of reticence. Public misunderstanding of business methods and motives, of how business operates and what it has accomplished for the people, has been assiduously cultivated by Socialists and their political allies. If we give the people the facts, they can be trusted to make the right decisions.

We have recently received assurance of a changed attitude on the part of our administration in Washington. President Eisenhower pointed to the basic fabric of our economy in his State of the Union message when he said:

"We are concerned with the encouragement of competitive enterprise and individual initiative precisely because we know them to be our nation's abiding sources of strength."

In this country we have an economic system that has produced abundance for all of our citizens. We realize its imperfections and we have the will to improve it. But improvement does not mean that we must abandon that which is useful. It means simply that we must go on without turning our backs upon the fundamentals that have been proven sound.

The problem is not just one of political change. It is something that goes far deeper. It is a question of reaffirming the high moral standards to which we have held so strongly for so many years. It is a question of reexamining our faith in our republic, and in the principles on which it is based.

#### - COMING NEXT MONTH -

George Smathers, young U. S. Senator from Florida, tells how we can curb spending and cut Federal expenses in

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### DEALERS in the NEWS

#### MISSOURI

BUCKLIN: Jess Pettit and his wife, who operate the Farmers Lumber Co., have announced that the firm is being remodeled. The store room will be 16 feet wider and new ceiling and flooring is being installed.

ELSBERRY: H. K. Cunningham has retired as manager of the Elsberry LaCrosse Lumber Co. He

started with the firm in 1908, left for a few years, and returned in 1925.

PARIS: Mrs. W. D. Owens, of the Sparks Lumber Co. recently spoke to the Shelbina Home Economics Club on home decorating. She is scheduled to give the same talk to several other home economics groups in this area.

OAK GROVE: Warren Grayum, owner of the Oak Grove Lumber Co., held "open house" March 21 to show off his firm's new office. Vases were given to 200 ladies and balloons to children with parents.

BOWLING GREEN: Paul Fowler has been transferred from the La-Crosse Lumber Company's Clarksville yard to the branch here. He replaced Wesley H. Owings as manager. Owings retired after half a century of service to the company. New Clarksville manager is George Guinn, who was transferred from Louisiana.

#### **FLORIDA**

JACKSONVILLE: Allied Construction Co., a building supply firm, has moved into new offices at 4560 Main St. It has greater office and warehouse space, according to Owner Arthur Horwick.

#### ARKANSAS

LEPANTO: E. G. Hazelwood, manager of the Home Builders Supply Co., has been elected president of the Lepanto Rotary Club.

LITTLE ROCK: Herman L. (Rob) Roberts has joined the Capitol City Lumber Co. as a salesman and assistant manager of the Asher Ave. store.

#### **OKLAHOMA**

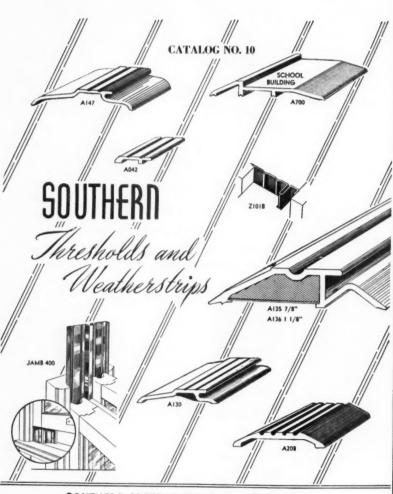
SEMINOLE: Steve Cowan has joined the Seminole Lumber Co. as a salesman. He formerly managed another Seminole lumber firm.

SEMINOLE: New manager of the Billington Lumber Co. here is Clifford Elliott. He formerly was assistant manager of yards at Wewoka and Oklahoma City.

#### GEORGIA

COLUMBUS: Lt. General Manton S. Eddy, retiring commander of the U. S. Army Forces in Europe, has accepted an executive position with the Williams Lumber Co., the Williams Construction Co., and other affiliates. President Charlie Frank Williams said Eddy would arrive in July. His duties have not been defined yet, but Williams said he needed him "to keep me from making mistakes."

SAVANNAH: The Savannah Lumber and Supply held a grand opening in its new store at 2819 Bull St. March 27. A page ad in the newspaper — showing pictures of the front and three interior views — announced the opening to Savannah



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customers. The ad listed the firm's products and its contractor and sub-contracting affiliates.

ATLANTA: Robert F. DuLaney, DeKalb county forester for the last 18 months, recently resigned to become forester for the Williams Brothers Lumber Co. here.

#### **TEXAS**

LOCKHART: Edmund Rehm and his family have moved here from George West. He was transferred to manage the Grant Lumber Co. here. He replaced D. B. Wilson, who is now in Hebbronville.

WACO: To better acquaint citizens of Waco with the firm, the AAA Lumber Co. held "open house" March 7. A large crowd came to inspect the new quarters. Alvin E. Amelunke is president and general manager of this fast-growing firm.

BONHAM: Leon Watson, a highschool senior, is now doing his field training in distributive education at the Temple Lumber Co. He does yard work and helps in filling orders.

PASADENA: Neil Erwin has been named vice-president of the Com-

mander Lumber Co. of Red Bluff Terrace, Pasadena. He is in charge of Title I operations. He has been engaged in the building business in Houston for 35 years . . . The Pasadena Lumber Co. recently changed its name to the Red Bluff Terrace Lumber Co., Inc.

COMMERCE: The Martin Lumber Co. has purchased the interests of the Lyon-Gray Lumber firm here, including real estate and lumber stock. J. O. Blanton, Martin manager, said his firm plans to remodel and enlarge the office and storage space of the former Lyon-Gray yard and move Martin operations to that site.

HOUSTON: Rosa K. Gupson, Arthur L. Hays, and L. D. Hays have incorporated the Capitol Avenue Lumber Co.

#### MISSISSIPPI

JACKSON: Homecraft, Inc., has been granted a charter to sell building materials. Capital stock was listed at \$15,000.

#### VIRGINIA

WAYNESBORO: The Fitzgerald Building Supply Co. was completely destroyed during a recent fire here that damaged several other firms. Total damage was estimated at \$750,000.

#### KANSAS

LAWRENCE: The Logan-Moore Lumber Co. moved to a new location April 1. It is now on U. S. highway 40-59, about one-fourth of a mile beyond the city limits.

INDEPENDENCE: Charles Robertson, former manager of the Long-Bell Lumber Co. at Ulysses, now manages the firm's yard here. He replaced Aubra Pierce, who was transferred to Caldwell.

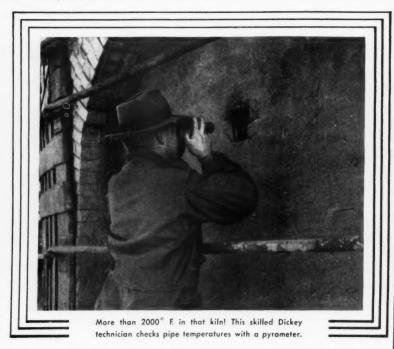
SABETHA: The F. M. Spalding Lumber Co. is building a new yard at the corner of Grant and Seventh Streets.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

GREENVILLE: Cecil Milford has been made manager of the Ross Builders Supplies, Inc., branch here. Formerly he was assistant to George Ross Jr. at the Seneca branch.

ROCK HILL: D. S. Hanson, who has been in the Greenville office of Ross Builders Supplies, Inc., now manages the Rock Hill operation.

ROEBUCK: The Roebuck Gin and Lumber Co. celebrated its 50th anniversary on April 1 by opening its



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Birmingham, Ala., Chattanooga, Tenn., Kansas City, Mo., Meridian, Miss., San Antonio, Tex., Texarkana, Tex.-Ark. new offices and sales building to the public. Those attending the grand opening received souvenirs and chances on door prizes. A two-page newspaper advertisement announced the affair to customers in the Roebuck vicinity.

CHARLESTON: The Magnolia Lumber Co. has been granted a charter of incorporation to sell lumber and building supplies. William H. Price is president.

#### NORTH CAROLINA

MARION: Builders Supply, Inc., is the new name for Seagle and Morris, Inc., local building material retailers. The new line-up of officials include Jack Morris, president; Earl Godfrey, vice-president, and Fred Morris, secretary-treasurer. T. P. Seagle's interest was bought by these owners.

CHARLOTTE: The H & S Lumber Co. scored "another first" here by staging a three-day "Product Parade" in their store at 520 Dowd Road, April 8-10. Special factory representatives helped show "Charlotte's largest display of new building products." First, 40 architects and 100 contractors were given a special pre-view. Then, the public poured in Friday night and all day Saturday. Brand-name products were featured in a one-third-page announcement ad and in the Product Parade displays.

#### **OBITUARIES**

E. F. NEFF, 81, founder of the wholesale building material firm of Neff-Buckner-Holt, El Paso, Tex., died on April 4 after an illness of six months. In his youth "Mike" Neff was a tennis champion and ardent golfer. He was president of the Southwestern Tennis Assn. and a founder of the Southwestern Golf Assn. A veteran of World War I as a major, Neff is survived by a son and a daughter.

RICHARD FIELD HUDDLESTON, 68, lumberman of Roxboro and Siler City, N. C., died March 28. Since 1932 he had been associated with the Williams-McKeithan Lumber Co. He was a charter member of the Rotary club of both cities. Surviving are his wife, four daughters, and son.

LOUIS DONALD SHELL, 54, president of the Shell Lumber Co. in Miami, Fla., died on March 26. He leaves a wife and two sons.

EARNEST LEROY WHITE, 47, office manager of the Crossett Lumber Company's forestry division, died April 11 of a heart attack. He had been with this Crossett, Ark., lumber firm since 1925. He was secretary-treasurer of the Crossett Health Foundation and past-president of the Rotary Club. He leaves a wife, son, and daughter.

LEE MARTIN BRADSHAW, 82, died in Big Spring, Tex., March 11. He had been associated with the Burton-Lingo Lumber Co. and later with the Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Co. He and his wife observed their 60th wedding anniversary last Christmas Day. Surviving are his wife and eight children.

HAROLD HAWLEY, 61, retired lumberman, died March 18 at his home

in Herington, Kan. He sold the Hawley Lumber Co. to the Badger Lumber Co. and Clark Lumber Co. in 1946. It was established in Herington in 1888. Hawley leaves a wife, son, and daughter.

A. HAROLD DOSSETT, 49, of the J. A. Dossett Lumber and Building Supply Co., Paducah, Ky., died April 3. He was a former director of the Kentucky Retail Lumber Dealers Assn., and a member of the building committee for the Western Baptist Hospital, now under construction. Survivors include his wife and two sisters.



# Strictly WHOLESALE

CORAL GABLES, FLA.: Henry P. Briggs has been named Southeast distributor for the Texas Pre-fabricated Housing Co. in Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas.

DALLAS, TEX.: Eugene R. Fant recently purchased the New Process Roofing and Supply Corp. The firm wholesales steel, roofing products, and related building materials in north and central Texas. The firm's warehouse space is being increased to more than 50,000 square feet.

MIAMI, FLA.: The General Insulating Co. is now distributor in a 10-county area for Libbey-Owens-Ford fiber-glass insulating materials. Robert W. Fausel is president of the company.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.: Taylor-Seidenbach, Inc., has been made distributor and contractor for Carey asbestos and magnesia insulation products, effective March 1. It will stock complete supplies of Carey Super-Light, Tempchek, Hi-Temp No. 19, Careycel, MW-50 insulating cement, Careyduct, and asbestos products.

BALTIMORE, MD.: The Dant and Russell Sales Co., distributors of West Coast lumber products and specialities, now operate their own new warehouse at 1901 East Fort Ave., here. William P. Johns is the salesman in this area.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.: The Mercury Distributing Co. now has the franchise to distribute Youngstown Kitchen cabinets and sinks in both Carolinas.

NASHVILLE, TENN.: Keith-Simmons, Inc., local hardware distributor, has combined and expanded its wholesale and contract builders hardware departments. Executives of Yale & Towne, whose products Keith-Simmons has handled since 1916, visited Nashville recently to help celebrate this customer's move. John P. Dunphy, who called on Keith-Simmons for Yale & Towne for 33 years, was guest of honor at a dinner. He came from Covington, Ky., to congratulate his friend Fred O. Rhea, who heads the new combined hardware department.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.: Frank H. Mc-Carty has joined the American Hardware and Equipment Co. as vice-president and sales manager. He formerly served the Oaks Manufacturing Co. in Tipton, Ind., as sales manager.

### Distributors Convene for Spring Meeting

"How Can Wholesale Service Be Improved?" That question will be answered during a panel of manufacturers' representatives and building material distributors at the spring meeting of the National Building Material Distributors Association in Buffalo, N. Y., May 21-22.

Melvin Baker, chairman of the

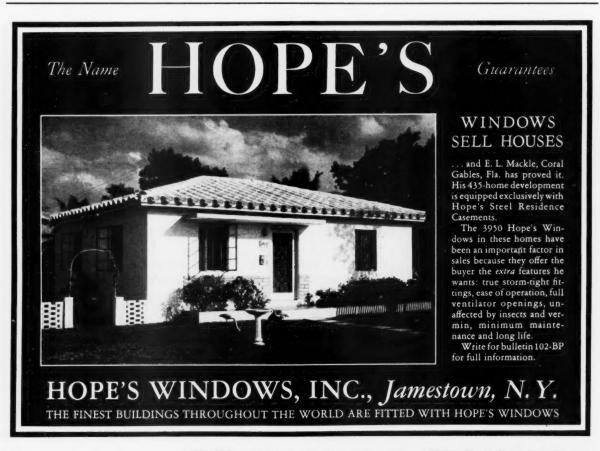
Melvin Baker, chairman of the board of the National Gypsum Co., and Dr. H. N. Huntzicker, research director for the United States Gypsum Co., will speak on trends in building materials.

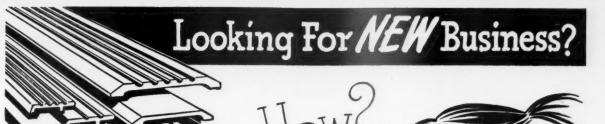
Edward Wimmer, National Federation of Independent Business, will talk on "Co-operatives, When Bad and How Bad." Martin B. Coffey, Philin Carey Co. also will speak

Philip Carey Co., also will speak.
On the second day, M. L. McCreery
will moderate a forum on distributors' problems.

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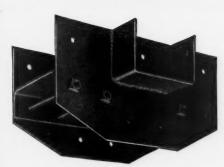
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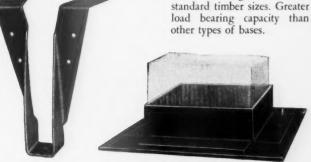
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No. 1 step by this firm, according to Sales Promotion Director Clark E. McDonald, is the monthly publication of a mimeographed bulletin. Entitled Cenwood News, it will be mailed to some 500 dealers in the trading area.

The first issue covers a new line of wood cabinets, the remodeling market, homebuilding progress, carpenter aprons, and Cenwood lines of sash balances, wood window units, and patterned plywood.

No. 2 step is the staging of a series of dinner meetings in the field for the introduction of new product lines and promotion of old ones. Such meetings were recently held in Milan and Dyersburg, Tenn., Mayfield, Ky., and Florence, Ala. Attendance ran from 30 to 100 dealer personnel.

The retail lumber dealers were invited to bring their architect and contractor customers. Factory experts and Central Woodwork's sales manager, Milton Schaefer, were featured speakers.

"We have found," explained Mc-Donald, "that our dealer customers can not always easily come in to see products on display in our warehouse, and we believe this method taking the merchandise to the dealer will be very helpful to him."

#### REDWOOD INTRODUCED AT INDUSTRY SEMINARS



Lumber dealers, architects, homebuilders, and other specifiers are being introduced to the many types and "Proper Use of Redwood" at a series of educational meetings being sponsored by key wholesalers throughout the South and Southwest. Featured speaker at these seminars is John Reno, industrial engineer with the Pacific Lumber Co., of Scotia, Calif. He is seen in center above discussing redwood siding with Barney Stewart Jr., left, and an architect. "Open house" for inspection of redwood displays and movies and the buffet supper and speech were held at Tulsa Hotel with Barney Stewart Wholesale as hosts. Similar local redwood educational programs have been held at Louisville, Ky., Atlanta, Ga., and in Tampa, Fla. The Mygrant Lumber Co. sponsored the Florida seminar in the courthouse aduitorium on April 10.

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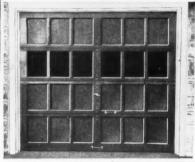


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#### METAL AWNING

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Like other Childers awnings, it is available in widths from 28".

The Windsor awning is made in five different wall heights and projections

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#### GARAGE HARDWARE

The new Tavart "500" series of track-type hardware for overhead garage doors is designed for noiseless and space-saving operation.

Model 521 fits doors from 6'6" to 7'6" high and from 7' to 10' wide, which weigh from 100 to 150 pounds. It provides 1" clearance and 2\\(\frac{1}{2}\)" side clearance.

The new hardware can be installed without measurements of the door. A factory-lubricated roller bearing

at the main pivot and double-row ball bearing spring suspension are among the outstanding features.

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#### WOOD CABINETS

Colonial Wood-Hu Kitchens offer kitchen cabinets in nine wood grains, including mahoganies, pines, and birches in light and dark hues.

These cabinets have a complete range of fittings, ranging from modern chrome to hammered antique, to fit the style kitchen the home-owner desires.

These wood cabinets also are designed to fit built-in sinks, ovens, burners, and others.



Counter tops can be made of laminated plastics, plastic-coated materials, maple, or linoleum, to meet the home-owner's preference.

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#### WINDOW FANS



Two new Jackson window fans have been introduced. Both are finished in a soft green tone and feature an over-all grille of expanded metal.

over-all grille of expanded metal. The 22" model is powered by a 1/6-HP motor and moves about 4,000 cubic feet of air per minute at a speed of 750 RPM, and 2,500 cubic feet at the second speed of 500 RPM. On special order, it is reversible.

The 24" size has a ¼-HP motor. It delivers 5,000 cubic feet of air per minute at 590 RPM and 3,000 cubic feet at 295 RPM.

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#### SHEATHING PAPER

Leatherback all-purpose building paper has been improved to combat the problem of "air-tight" homes. In such homes, water vapor escapes through the walls in cool or cold

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weather. Unless a breather-paper with a high degree of vapor permeability is installed on the outside of the sheathing, the problem of moisture condensation within the cavity can become acute.

The vapor permeability of Leatherback paper has been increased nearly 100 per cent. The backing is now kraft paper, with interlaced tough virgin fibers, extremely resistant to tearing and sagging. It also resists water penetration.

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#### "MIDGET" DRILL



The Stanley line of drills now includes a ¼" model called the "Mighty Midget." It is available in six standard chuck speeds ranging from 5,000 to 600 RPM.

Built for heavy-duty production work, the drill is light and powerful and easy to handle in close quarters.

It also features balanced design, pistol-grip handle, and a three-jaw geared chuck with rubber-flex chuck key.

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#### METAL WINDOW GASKETS

Jarene B vinyl plastic extrusions are suitable for weatherstripping of windows, and for many air-conditioning and refrigeration installations.

This material is highly resistant to weather and sunlight, and is said not to harden or crack with age. It can be furnished to a variety of colors.

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#### COLORFUL KITCHENS

Royal-Wood kitchen cabinets are offered in white, yellow, blue, dusty rose, and sage green, with seven color choices of Micarta plastic one-



piece counter tops in solid or "linen" designs.

They enable low-cost homes to have custom-designed kitchens. The cabinets are made from carefully-selected wood. They feature solid chrome handles. The sinks have one-piece swing faucets.

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#### **BASEMENT WINDOW**

The new Copco steel basement window is made in three sizes in both regular and E-Z Glaze or puttyless type. On puttyless models, the glass is locked in place against cork gaskets, cemented securely at the factory.

All windows have double-contact weather-stripping and can be fitted with individual screens and storm sash or a combination unit. A rigid handle permits the window to be opened easily from floor level to the maximum 45-degree opening.

The unit is finished with a bakedon coat of rust-resistant paint.

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#### INSULATION PACKAGE

Balsam-Wool insulation is now packaged in a new-type bag for easier handling and storage.

The bag is flat and rectangular and is approximately one-half the size and weight of the old roll package, saving up to 25 per cent of the warehouse space formerly required.

The insulation package is easy to handle on conveyors, simplifies unloading of cars, and facilitates truck loading.

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#### ATTIC FAN

The new Viking 36" horizontal-discharge attic fan can be installed quickly by only one man, according to the maker.

It comes in several basic components. The Venturi cone is in two sections. The blade and power assembly comes in one unit from which motor is detached for easy carrying into an attic. This fan is shipped in a carton requiring only half the former bulk.

Rising only 15½" from the attic floor, the Viking fits low-roofed ranch-type houses. It guarantees a complete change of air every one or two minutes in homes with 9,000 to 19,000 cubic feet of space.

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#### PAINT SAND-TEXTURER

Perltex is a new lightweight additive for use with any type or color of interior paint. It produces a sandfloat finish on walls and ceilings.

Once it is thoroughly mixed, it is said to require little stirring and not to settle on the bottom of the can. Various finish effects can be secured with simple tools.

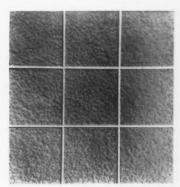
Heaviness of texture can be controlled by varying the amount of Perltex used.

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#### WALL PANEL PATTERN

A new pattern has been added to the Tylac line of prefinished wall panels, called Tyriple. A special metallic base paint gives a light and shadow effect that seems to ripple.

Tyriple is made in four deep tones —bronze, silver, emerald green, and amethyst blue. It comes in three styles—contour bevel score line,



painted white; a smooth, unscored finish, and horizontally-scored with groups of three parallel lines at 16" intervals.

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#### SHALLOW-WELL PUMP

The Crane-Line Rancher is a new shallow-well water system. Finished in white, it fits in with other kitchen and laundry appliances. It can be



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#### LOW-COST LOCKSET

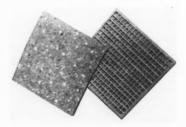
The new Independent Lockwood "C" series of locksets was designed to provide full security for low-cost housing and other light construction.

These locks incorporate all basic engineering features that went into Lockwood locks used in the United Nations buildings and others. All parts are made of brass or steel.

A full-size, solid brass, five-pin cylinder lock provides maximum security, with master keying.

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#### ADHESIVE-LESS TILE



New Robbins "lifetime" vinyl allpurpose Terra-Tile is applied without adhesives. The tile back is honeycombed to create a suction effect.

Elimination of adhesives in application permits installation below grade where moisture and alkalies attack adhesives. No preparation of the floor is necessary before tile is applied. Shifting of wood floors is said to have no effect on the tile, which also can be laid over uneven surfaces.

The tile also is said never to need wax. According to the makers, it is completely unaffected by water or alkalies and will not swell or curl. It can be taken up and installed in a new location.

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### New Equipment

These new products may cut your business operation costs

#### SAWMILL FANS

The Dependable Machine line now includes extra-heavy duty exhaust fans made especially for use in woodworking plants and sawmills, for removal of sawdust, shavings, dust, and wood scraps.

The fans are made in standard, sixblade models from 20" to 80" sizes. In slow speed, the 12-blade models range from 30" to 80" sizes.

They are made of heavy-gauge steel, with the housing carefully welded. Side plates are removable so that the housing can be rotated to give any arrangement needed for the discharge unit.

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#### IMPROVED HAND TRUCK

The improved Tobey Tonster aluminum hand truck has rounded corners to eliminate the frequent marring of doorways and walls by corners.

This 24x48-inch truck weighs under 57 pounds and has a capacity of up to 2,000 pounds when equipped with proper size Tobey bearings, lubricated casters, and wheels. The truck bed is flexible in torsion, eliminating need for individually-sprung wheels or casters.

Write for 134. Use coupon, page 85.

#### BLOCK UNLOADER

The Superlite unloader easily loads and unloads big piles of concrete blocks, clay tile, sacked cement, bar-



rels or drums, brick and clay, crates, boxes, machinery, and equipment.

It can be mounted on any standard truck or trailer and can be bridged for truck-to-trailer operation. It is said to be able to unload a flatbed of masonry of about 16 tons, like that pictured here, in less than 20 minutes.

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#### TRACK-TYPE SHOVEL

The Caterpillar No. 6 shovel is a highly-mobile track-type model, powered by a 66-drawbar-HP crawler on a non-oscillating track frame. It is an integral unit, with the tractor shovel frame bolted and welded at widely-separated points.

Dumping height is 10'9", with a reach of 3'5", insuring dumping of materials in the center of all standard

hauling units.

The shovel has five forward gears and four reverse gears to meet a wide range of job conditions.

Write for 136. Use coupon, page 85.

#### STORAGE DRAWERS



A new 128-drawer model has been added to the Haz-Bin Jr. line of storage units. The transparent drawers, molded of strong plastic, are 5-7/8" long, 1-7/16" deep, and 2-3/4" wide.

Drawers subdivide into two or three separate compartments, lengthwise or crosswise.

Each drawer has an index slot to show what hardware, parts, or other small items are contained within. A safety catch permits open drawers to "hand out" for easy access with-

out spilling.

The cabinet finish is silver gray

hammertone enamel.

Write for 137. Use coupon, page 85.

#### RADIAL ARM SAWS

The DeWalt "Power Shop" line of radial arm woodworking machines has been re-designed. The work tables now are 3" wider and 4" longer; the radial arm is 3" longer, permitting machines to rip to the center of a 4' panel.

The operational controls are now more convenient and more visible to

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The line consists of two basic models—the MB, available in ½ and ¾ HP; the GW, made in ¾, 1, and 1½ HP.

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The rack accommodates hardboard shorts in sizes of 1'x4', 2'x4', 4'x4', and 3'x4'. Total height of the display is 69"; width, 32".

Contact: Celotex Corp., 120 South LaSalle Street, Chicago 3, Ill.

#### **GARAGE PLANS**

"Garage Plans and Ideas: How to Build a Better Garage" is a new booklet for dealers' home-planning centers.

It contains 12 different and original garage plans that utilize Strand garage doors. Designs are for single, double, and triple frame and brick construction. Many include space for a workbench for father or play space for youngsters. Ten cents a copy.

Contact: Strand Garage Door Division, Detroit Steel Products Co., 3227 Griffin St., Detroit 11, Mich.

#### SHOWS HAND SCRAPERS

A new counter or window display holds and prices Big Hand scrapers in two sizes, plus extra cutters. It invites examination by customers who are buying other merchandise, to stimulate impulse sales.

Contact: Hook Scraper Mfg. Co., Queens Village, N. Y.

#### HOUSE-MARKER "TREE"

A new wood display post, sturdily braced at the foot, holds at least 12 house markers. A weathervane is added at the top.

Models are easily dismounted for sale and replacement.

Contact: Tennessee Fabricating Co., 1490 Grimes St., Memphis, Tenn.

#### HARDWARE DISPLAY

This new Stanley household hardware display unit takes up only 21/2 square feet of space and is designed to increase impulse buying.

It consists of a heavy-duty display rack that can be used vertically or horizontally. The unit is supplied free with each N-102 package of



half dozen each of 57 household hardware items.

Also available with the unit are twin hardware space-saving display racks, each 15" wide, 15" high, and 6" deep. They can be used anywhere in the store, on counters, walls, or posts.

Contact: Stanley Works, New Britain, Conn.

#### TOOL PROMOTER

Four new compact counter displays for Ridgely painter and decorator tools, are offered to dealers free with orders that fill each display.

No. 260 is a flat green board, 24"



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by 15". It holds 15 hand tools and samples of three straight edges.

No. 180 is a green peg board, 19" by 29", backed by shelf space to hold a stock of each item shown. No. 181 is a second green peg board, designed to hold an assortment of 12 tools.

For direct counter sales, No. 182 display holds six each of two styles of putty knives and two styles of scrapers. It is 13" wide by 814" deep, with a dark green backboard and natural-finish oak base.

Contact: Ridgely Trimmer Co., Springfield, Ohio.

#### CALCULATOR-PRICER



A new "retail price list and jiffy calculator" permits dealers to tell at a glance the prices of R-V-Lite and Vimlite all-purpose plastic window material for measurements up to 50 feet.

To use the calculator, the dealer finds the type of R-V-Lite along the top line of the chart, then reads down to the footage desired. The suggested retail price is at this spot. Charts are included with each roll of the products, and a copy should be kept near the automatic dispensing fixture.

Contact: Arvey Corp., 3462 N. Kimball Avenue, Chicago 18, Ill.

#### WALLPANEL MOVIES

Thirteen full-color movie playlets featuring Marlite plastic-finished wall and ceiling panels are now offered to dealers for showing at theaters, on television, and at special functions for customers.

At least one-third of each film carries the dealer's own personalized sales message. Slanted toward remodeling prospects, the playlets show Marlite bathrooms, kitchens, dens, recreation rooms, and offices.

"The ABC's of a Marlite Installation" is a new condensed sound-slide training film in full color. It portrays the basic steps necessary to install Marlite plastic-finished wallpanels in every type of interior, from wall preparation to finishing trim.

Dealers can schedule the film for their salesmen through the manufacturer.

Contact: Marsh Wall Products, Inc., Dover, Ohio.

#### TILE DEMONSTRATOR

A new all-metal tile "designer unit" invites a customer to plan and design his own floor with samples of Koroseal or rubber floor tile.

This demonstrator is mounted on four rubber "feet" to prevent marring of the counter or display area. An open shelf at the back holds installation instructions, descriptive literature, and additional samples.

Contact: B. F. Goodrich, Room 4010, 10 East 40th St., New York, N. Y.

#### REMODELING IDEAS

"97 Ways to Improve Your Home and Save Money" is a 32-page book-let designed to stimulate home modernization. It is suitable for use in a dealer's "planning center" along with home-plan books.

It covers new rooms from unused space, new ceilings and walls, builtin ideas, six ways to brighten kitchens, roofs and their three-way job, insulation, permanent beauty for ex-

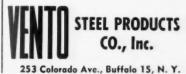




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terior walls, financing improvements, and other phases of improvement.

Contact: Celotex Corp., 120 South LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill.

#### WINDOW IDEAS

An improved and enlarged edition of "The New Outlook," an ideal booklet on windows, is offered to dealers to help sell windows.

It shows how to obtain original and unusual window effects without extra cost of specially-designed windows. It contains 14 detailed drawings, showing fresh solutions to common window problems.

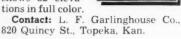
Contact: Ponderosa Pine Wood-work, 38 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 3,

#### HOUSE PLAN BOOKS

Two revised home-plan books are offered for dealers' homeplanning centers.

"Deluxe Small Homes" shows 145 home designs with two, three, and four bedroom sizes. Sixty-four are shown in full color. It sells for

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In addition to guiding future home-owners in purchasing a house, this book serves to help builders plan trends in their own project planning. It gives manufacturers an opportunity to see what materials will be called for in the future.

#### **ASBESTOS PRODUCTS**

(From page 36C)

Since the use of color on house exteriors is increasing yearly, be prepared to show the home-owner how various shades and textures of sidings will blend with colors of his roof and even houses next door.

Properly applied sidings make the best advertisements. It is the retailer's responsibility to see that his products go on right whether he has his own applicating crew or whether he sells to local applicators. If the latter is the case, plan your "prospect campaigns" together. Get the applicator and the manufacturer's representative together to go over the best methods for good workmanship.

One of the greatest problems of the building supply dealer trying to develop a good asbestos cement market is the fly-by-night applicator. He usually overcharges and often does a shoddy job that is a bad advertisement for the product in general.

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carefully the persons who will sell or apply the siding products. They receive a card — which expires every 90 days—that certifies that they will use the manufacturer's product throughout the job, that they have been properly trained to do the work, and that they will charge reasonable prices.

When the job is completed, a certificate is given to the homeowner, the applicator, and one copy returned to the manufacturer, so that if there is any complaint, the customer has recourse to either the dealer or directly to the manufacturer.

Explaining this program to a prospective customer permits the salesman to gain confidence of home-owners. In some areas, it is actually undoing the ill-will created by fly-by-night operators.

These fly-by-night applicators are doorbell ringers. Make sure your salesmen are, too.

Try telephone campaigning. After a selected employee tours a given neighborhood, street by street, get the telephone number from a "telephone red book" or other source. A friendly call can

determine whether the occupant is a "suspect," worthy of a personal follow-up visit by a salesman.

One manufacturer has a program for mailing a letter to such "suspects" reported by dealers' salesmen. This letter offers a piece of colorful literature on the product, which the home-owner can obtain free by returning the post-card. These cards are sent back to the dealer so that the salesman can deliver the literature personally.

Above all, keep a scrapbook of "before and after" photographs of homes modernized with asbestos cement sidings sold by your firm. Such a presentation can prove to be a doorbell ringer's best weapon, showing not only local acceptance of the product but the varieties of application.

One salesman always takes a snapshot of the prospect's house, puts it in his scrapbook, leaving space for the "after" shot. The psychological effect has proved astounding in some instances.

Make sure that every homeowner knows what to expect from his siding. If it is a type that may need painting in three or four years to cover stains and dirt, suggest a good cement paint or chlorinated rubber paint.

If the siding is the stainproof type, make sure he knows how it can be cleaned—with soap and water, or with some special cleaner developed by the manufacturer.

#### Kinetic Merchandising!

(From page 34)

Core planned and promoted a successful "open house for our newly remodeled store and display room" not for just one day, but for three — Thursday, Friday, Saturday, November 6-8. Ten free prizes were offered, ranging from a choice of brand-name paint, insulation, asphalt roofing, or asbestos siding for a whole house, to a garden hoe and rake. All prizes were merchandise out of stock. Attendance these three days was estimated at 2,400 people!

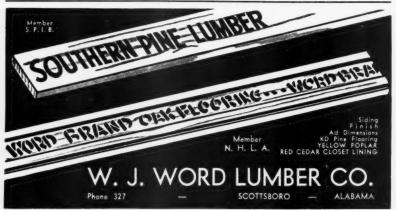
Since operation of the Krause & Managan store is "a team job," Core listed each employee in the full-page ad, complete with nickname! Six opening specials were featured in the ad, including creosoted fence posts, pine paneling, gypsum board, asphalt shingles, and wallpaper.

Because many of the natives in the Crowley area speak only the French language, most of the K & M employees here are bilinguists. Hardly an hour in the day passes without an employee conversing with a customer—or another employee—in French.

Core justifies the expense and effort that he and his firm went to in order to create their handsome new Crowley store in these words: "To win their share of the consumer's dollars during the months ahead, lumber dealers have got to have as inviting and convenient stores as the automobile, appliance, furniture dealers in their cities. And they have got to make it easier for prospects to see and select the materials and supplies they need for new construction, modernization, and repairs.

"Our store traffic has more than tripled since the place was remodeled. The island displays of merchandise stimulate more impulse and related sales. Many customers have told us that they didn't realize it could be such a pleasure to trade with a lumber dealer!"







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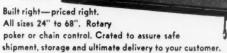
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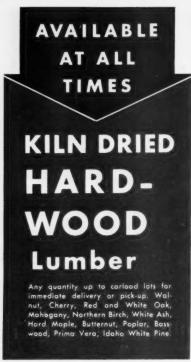
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#### JOBBER DISTRIBUTION

(From page 36D)

knocks on your door for a check, keep in mind that he, too, has to make his collections in order to stay solvent.

4. Warehousing. The jobber with his large warehouse can handle big production loads for manufacturers, providing an even flow of materials to the dealer. Warehouse space today is costly, but the entire chain of distribution can break down if warehouse facilities are not adequately and efficiently operated by the building material jobber.

A recent survey among our members established the fact that the average jobber's warehouse contains 18,000 square feet of floor space. In most cases the jobber owns the warehouse, in which he has made a substantial investment. The distributor's warehouse is the safety valve of production because it provides an even keel for the dealer's supply of materials.

5. Sales Assistance in the Field. One of the requirements for membership in the National Building Material Distributors Association is that the jobber must employ and have salesmen traveling the territory he serves. Perhaps in recent years salesmen have often been mere order-takers. However, this situation is rapidly changing and, in many cases, the jobber salesman is better trained than the manufacturer's representatives.

Successful jobbers are capable of providing sales assistance for the dealer. A dealer certainly holds a great deal of confidence in a jobber when the jobber is able to give him sales assistance and to help him out on difficult complaints. One manufacturer has told me that one of the biggest gripes he has is the fact that in nine cases out of 10, the jobber and retailer throw the complaint right back to the manufacturer, with little or no prior investigation, although most of these complaints could be handled at the jobber or dealer

Today, many a retailer is faced with good inventories purchased at good prices a few months ago, but for which there is a decreasing demand. He also is finding collections slowing down. He can find himself in the middle between too much capital tied up in accountsreceivable, or too much capital in slow-moving inventory. What can

be done to remedy this situation?

The answer is for the dealer to rely more and more on the stocks of the jobber. It's true that the dealer can sometimes buy more favorably in carload quantities direct from the manufacturer, but a full carload of anything takes a lot of money. The dealer can buy in smaller quantities from the jobber.

The jobber unfortunately has been rather silent through the years about the service he performs. He has had little to say in his own defense. He has done little to sell himself to the manufacturer or the retailer.

Many of the bona-fide whole-salers are concerned about jobber outlets owned cooperatively by a group of retailers. These retailers band together to pool their buying and they hope to earn functional discounts for their efforts. Almost invariably they limit their sales to those who put up the cash to put the cooperative into existence.

We hold no brief with the cooperative building material distributor, because you and I are paying taxes to keep Mr. Co-Operative in business. To me it is a travesty of our present laws that such operations are legally permitted. They do not, in any way, perform all the services of a bonafide wholesaler, yet they receive the same discounts from the manufacturer. They pay no taxes on their distributed profits, so in fact your tax dollar and mine keep the cooperatives in business.

There is no question but that the manufacturer owns the material that he produces and can give the material away, if he so chooses. Also, if the jobber buys a material, it is his product to do with as he sees fit. But Mr. Manufacturer and Mr. Jobber had better beware if they don't consider the rights of the retail dealer in the chain of distribution!

This industry is fast approaching normal times and there is no doubt that competition among manufacturers will cause them to use the most economical method of distribution.

No factor of distribution can exist long without the other. This has been proved by many unsuccessful attempts in the past to eliminate one factor or the other. The solution is for each to get his own house in order. Let's work harmoniously together to build a greater, more respected industry to serve our people efficiently and fairly so we will continue to merit patronage.

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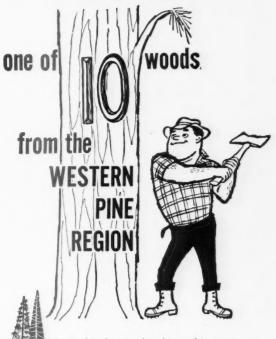
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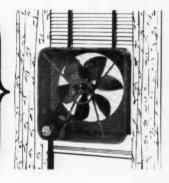
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